



City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 18, 2016

TO: Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

FROM: Pedro Jimenez, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: **Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing The Mayor Of Emeryville To Sign A Letter Of Support For The 2016 Cal Youth Soccer Grant Application For Gilman Sports Fields**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council of the City of Emeryville approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor of Emeryville to sign a letter of support for the Cal Youth Soccer Grant Application 2016 for the Gilman Sports Fields.

BACKGROUND

In 2003, due to a shortage of playing fields, five East Bay cities, Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, and Richmond worked together to seek funding as a regional group to develop new sports fields. All five cities agreed to enter into a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) to develop, operate, and maintain the Gilman Street Playing Fields. On November 18, 2003 The City of Emeryville authorized the City Manager to sign that JPA.

In 2004 a second agreement among the cities was adopted to initiate planning, development and management of the sports fields and in 2006 the cities adopted a third agreement that enabled the City of Berkeley to enter into a 25 year lease with the East Bay Regional Park District to develop and manage the property. The agreement also committed each city to contribute fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per year for the twenty five (25) year term of the lease, to cover replacement of capital improvements on the field including the synthetic turf, and to make up the cover expenses not covered by revenues collected from user fees.

Since opening in 2008, the Gilman Sports Fields Complex has been a huge success, greatly expanding the opportunities for sports for youth and adults throughout the five JPA cities. The demand for the facility is constant, leading to fully scheduled fields throughout the year, and providing a capacity of over 365,160 player hours per year, rain or shine.

The Cal Youth Soccer grant will allow the five JPA cities of Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, and Richmond to compete for a maximum grant award of up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000). In order to be as competitive as possible, and obtain the five points for matching funds, the JPA cities are being asked to consider providing a cash match of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) each, to help cover the non-construction costs related to the project.

On September 21, 2016, in consultation with the five JPA cities and the sports user groups, three options were developed, with **Option 1** as the preferred option.

Option 1 would construct **one new youth soccer field** and **one new public restroom** with a grant request of \$1,000,000 to cover construction costs only. This will require a local cash match of \$20,000 from each of the five JPA cities to help cover non-construction costs, which will allow the application to get five points added to the score.

Option 2 would construct **one new youth soccer field only** (no restroom) with a grant request of \$845,260 to cover construction costs only. This will require a local cash match of \$10,000 from each of the five JPA cities to cover non-construction costs, which will allow the application to get five points added to the score.

Option 3 would construct **one new youth soccer field only** (no restroom) with a grant request of \$995,310 to cover both construction and non-construction costs. This will require **no** local match, which means a loss of five points.

Option	Project Element	Grant Request	Contribution (per JPA City)	Points for Grant Application
1	Youth Soccer Field/ Public Restroom	\$1,000,000	\$20,000	Earn 5 points
2	Youth Soccer Field only	\$845,260	\$10,000	Earn 5 points
3	Youth Soccer Field only	\$995,310	\$0	Lose 5 points

FISCAL IMPACT

The City of Emeryville contribution of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) outlined in the JPA is budgeted in Community Service fund 5460-88900. Should the grant be awarded, staff will return to City Council and request a budget adjustment to fund 5460-88900, increasing the amount by twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for a total of thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000).

PREPARED BY: Pedro Jimenez, Community Services Director

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Letter of Support
3. Memo to JPA Members