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To: Mayor Tom Bates
City of Berkeley

From: Mayor Dianne Martinez,
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Subject: Cal Youth Soccer Grant Application 2016 - Gilman Sports Fields –
Commitment of matching funds for the grant application

On November 1, 2016, the State's California **Youth Soccer Grant Program** (funded by Proposition 40) will accept one final round of grant applications for a maximum grant award of \$1 million. The five member cities of the Sports Fields Joint Power Agreement (JPA) are being asked to provide assistance in the form of local cash match in order for the City of Berkeley to submit a competitive grant application for new project elements at the Gilman Sports Fields.

With this letter, the JPA member City of Emeryville hereby commits a matching cash contribution to the City of Berkeley in the amount of \$xx,xxx in order for Berkeley to submit a competitive application to the California Youth Soccer Grant Program of 2016. This amount shall be paid to the City of Berkeley upon notification by Berkeley of receipt of the grant award, expected in late Spring of 2017. If grant funding is awarded, construction is anticipated during the winter of 2018/19.

BACKGROUND

In 2003, due to a shortage of playing fields, five East Bay cities of Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, and Richmond entered into a joint powers agreement (JPA) to work together to seek funding as a regional group to develop new sports fields. The first project initiated by the JPA was the Gilman Sports Fields Complex.

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.

In 2008, phase one of the facility was completed with two synthetic turf fields with night lighting and three natural turf fields. In 2010, the softball field and the south parking lot were constructed at the Gilman Fields.

With this matching fund contribution, the five member JPA cities can join together and leverage \$20,000 each in local funds to help submit a highly competitive grant application in the amount of \$1,000,000 for a total estimated project cost of \$1.229 million that will provide one new youth soccer field (the north grass field) and a permanent vault restroom (south parking lot). This project will provide an additional capacity of 48,000 player hours per year (primarily youth), which represents a 13% expansion in player hours at the Gilman Fields.