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DISTRICT NINE**

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: March 29, 2013

Reference: M-13-03-10

TO: Mayor Bob Filner

FROM: Councilmember Marti Emerald

SUBJECT: Azalea Park – Obtaining an Entrance, Maintenance and Removal Agreement (EMRA)

On March 26, 2013, the Pomegranate Center awarded the City Heights community of Azalea Park a \$20,000 grant. This grant will fund the purchase of materials for building a “Gathering Space” adjacent to the vacant lot located at the corner of 43rd Street and Fairmount Avenue. This “Gathering Space” is envisioned to serve as the gateway to the Ocean Discovery Institute Living Lab, Manzanita Canyon, and the City Heights Canyons Loop Trail and has an estimated construction completion date of 2015.

Pursuant to our previous discussions with staff in the Transportation & Storm Water Department, I believe the community will be best served by being granted an Entrance, Maintenance, and Removal Agreement (EMRA) for using the site. The EMRA is far simpler to initiate and administer than a street vacation or sale of the site.

In order to move forward, we respectfully request assistance from Real Estate Assets Department with the following:

1. The process to obtain an EMRA.
2. Determine who is eligible to be the lead on the EMRA.
3. Obtain the insurance requirements for the lead of the EMRA.

The grant requirements limits our timeline in which to accomplish the above. Planning and design must be completed in June 2013 and construction of the “Gathering Space” by September 2013. Due to the tight timeline the grant requires, we will need to provide all involved parties with the answers to the above three inquiries no later than Friday, April 5, 2013. I greatly appreciate your assistance making this project, which will greatly enhance Azalea Park, a reality for our residents and other stakeholders in the Ninth District.

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cc: Scott Chadwick, Interim Chief Operating Officer
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Bill Harris, Supervising Public Information Officer