

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: October 26, 2023

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: L.A. for Kids Steering Committee
Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer
Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst
Bernyce Hollins, Office of the Mayor

Subject: **Resolution to Initiate Proceedings for the 2024-25 Proposition K Assessment**

SUMMARY

In 1996, City voters adopted Proposition K: the L.A. for Kids Program. The measure provides \$25 million in assessment funds per year for 30 years for acquisition and capital improvements to parks, recreation, and community facilities serving youth citywide. The Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, which is the legal basis for Proposition K, requires that the City Council go through certain procedures to levy the assessment on an annual basis.

The first stage is for the City Council to adopt a Resolution to Initiate Proceedings. This Resolution instructs the City Engineer to present a report to the City Council which describes the improvements to be undertaken in the upcoming fiscal year. It is recommended that the Resolution to Initiate Proceedings be adopted so that the annual assessment process can begin. The attached resolution was approved by the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee at its meeting on October 26, 2023, for transmittal to the City Council.

After adoption of this Resolution, the City Council will have to take the following steps to levy the Proposition K assessment for fiscal year 2024-25: adopt an annual expenditure plan, adopt the City Engineer's report, adopt an Ordinance of Intention to Levy, hold a public hearing, and adopt an Ordinance Confirming the Assessment.

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPT the attached Resolution to Initiate Proceedings for the 2024-25 Proposition K assessment which instructs the City Engineer to present a report to the City Council which describes the acquisition and capital improvements to parks and recreational and community facilities serving youth citywide to be undertaken in the upcoming fiscal year, pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of this report will initiate proceedings to levy the annual \$25 million Proposition K assessment which will be used to fund acquisitions and capital improvements to parks and recreational and community facilities serving youth citywide.

**RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS TO LEVY AND COLLECT THE
ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 FOR
CITY OF LOS ANGELES LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT 96-1**
*PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF
THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972
(DIVISION 15, PART 2, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)*

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1996, voters in the City of Los Angeles approved Proposition K (also known as the L.A. for Kids Program), which authorizes the formation of City of Los Angeles Landscaping and Lighting District No. 96-1 and approves the levy and collection of an annual assessment of \$25 million within the District for a period of thirty years for the purpose of funding the acquisition, development, improvements, restoration and maintenance of parks, open spaces, recreation and community facilities; and

WHEREAS, the L.A. for Kids Program was approved by a majority of voters prior to the effective date of Proposition 218, and is therefore exempt from the requirements of Proposition 218; and

WHEREAS, the L.A. for Kids Program is based on the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, which provides provisions for the City to levy an annual assessment to fund acquisition, development, improvements, restoration and maintenance of parks, open spaces, recreation and community facilities in the City, on the basis of benefits received by property owners; and

WHEREAS the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 requires that the assessment be levied on an annual basis and that the Council adopt a Resolution Initiating Proceedings to begin the annual process.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles resolves that the City Engineer be ordered, in collaboration with the Office of the City Administrative Officer, pursuant to Section 22622 of the Streets and Highways Code, to prepare and file a report for fiscal year 2024-25 of the L.A. for Kids Program, including a three year plan, and to include recommendations from the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee. The improvements to be undertaken for 2024-25 include competitive grant projects, local and regional park and recreation projects and community facility projects specified in Proposition K, and acquisition of land specified in Proposition K.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

Holly L. Wolcott, City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

Date: _____

Council File No. _____