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Item No. 3

City of South Gate

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF SOUTH GATE
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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AGENDA BILL

For the Regular Meeting of: February 27, 2018

Originating Department: Parks & Recreation

Department Head: Paul L. Adams /sc City Manager: Michael Flad
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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 68, THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018

PURPOSE: To confirm the City Council’s support of the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution supporting Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ANALYSIS: The City will need a number of grants over the next ten years to complete their Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Proposition 68 will allow the State to issue bonds which will help to fund Park, Water, Drought and Climate related projects benefiting communities across the State. The bonds will be repaid from the State’s general fund.

BACKGROUND: The Proposition 68 Bond Measure is the first natural resources bond passed by the Legislature in 15 years, and the largest investment in natural resources and underserved communities in California history. Final approval of Proposition 68 will be on the ballot on June of 2018.

The \$4 billion bond would provide parks for disadvantaged neighborhoods and investments in the state’s wildlife and ecological areas, water resources, and urban areas to help safeguard against climate change impacts, make cities more livable, and protect California’s natural resources for future generations. The Bond Measure would also increase drought and flood protection and supply clean water.

South Gate has an outstanding park system and, for the last ten years, has undertaken an aggressive program to renovate and update this aging but valuable community asset. Much work remains and currently little of the future work has had funding identified. This Bond Measure will provide a per capita allocation directly to South Gate as well as a number of grant opportunities and will allow the City to fund some of its outstanding park projects.

Many organizations are already supporting Proposition 68 which include The California State Parks Foundation, The Trust for Public Land, Sempervirens Fund, California Park and Recreation Society, California Association of Local Conservation Corps, Community Nature Connection, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, Friends of the LA River, Rails-to-Trails, The Escondido Creek Conservancy, Sierra Business Council, East Bay Regional Park District, Bay Area Open Space Council, California Trout, California Council of Land Trusts, Endangered Habitats League, Sierra Nevada Journeys, American Farmland Trust, Placer Land Trust, and California Outdoor Recreation Partners. Currently, there is no organized opposition to Proposition 68.

ATTACHMENTS: 1) Proposed Resolution
2) Ballot Measure allocation Sheet

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE
SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 68, THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT,
WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND
OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018**

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted, and Governor Jerry Brown, signed SB 5, a proposed \$4 billion General Obligation Bond to be placed on the June 2018 ballot entitled the “California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018,” now known as Proposition 68; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 represents the first legislatively authorized debt instrument for parks, resources and environmental improvements since 2002; and

WHEREAS, investments in California’s urban, suburban and rural park and resources-related landscapes promote the notion of community and provide health, environmental and aesthetic benefits; and

WHEREAS, California outdoor economy is a \$92 billion economic driver, partly responsible for the continued health and growth of many of California’s local economies; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 contains \$215 million in per capita funding to assist all of California’s communities in underwriting priority park-related improvements; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$40 million shall be available in block grant awards for communities that self-tax for park related improvements; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 invests no less than \$1 billion in California’s most economically challenged communities, eradicating blight and promoting greater access to the outdoors and health-related pursuits; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 expends \$200 million on California’s State Park system, addressing a greater than \$1 billion backlog in deferred maintenance which will translate into greater tourism and visitorship opportunities in adjacent communities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 invests \$30 million in trail network improvements promoting non-motorized recreational and commuter opportunities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 recognizing the importance of California’s rural spaces and invests \$25 million through a competitive grant program to prop-up and enhance rural park infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 expends hundreds of millions on other important investments in resource-related infrastructure including California’s rivers, coast, and other waterways, the state’s mountainous settings such as the Sierra and wildlife and fish-dependent habitats; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 invests heavily in combatting global warming through investments in urban greening projects, promoting healthy forests and carbon farming applications; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 underwrites investments in improving local water systems, promoting access to safe drinking water in some of California's most economically challenged communities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 commits to a robust investment in groundwater improvements and sustainability to diversify water sources and recharge groundwater tables; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 underwrites improvements in the state flood management systems, armoring against calamities that beset the state including Oroville and elsewhere;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby declares its support for Proposition 68, The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 on the June 2018 statewide ballot.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby encourages all voters to educate themselves as to whether to support the Los Angeles County "Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Open Space for All" Bond Measure and to get out and vote in the November 2018 election.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby encourages all of the City's local non-profit and volunteer organizations who use and benefit from the City's park facilities to educate themselves and their members about this legislation in a manner which is allowable and appropriate within the rules and judgment of each organization.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution which shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2018.

CITY OF SOUTH GATE:

Maria Davila, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney



The Committee for Clean Water, Natural Resources & Parks

SB 5 (de León) The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018

Environmental & Social Equity Investments

- \$725 million for parks in park-poor neighborhoods

California's Outdoor Spaces

- \$200 million for local park grants (grants based on population)
- \$15 million for park and recreation grants for jurisdictions with a population of 200,000 or less
- \$30 million for competitive grants to local park districts, open space districts, and open space authorities to create, expand, or restore parks (\$5 million for projects in units of the state park system managed by non-profit organizations)
- \$40 million for grants to local agencies that have approved local park revenue measures

State Parks, Natural & Cultural Legacy

- \$218 million for existing state parks and improving public access to parks
 - \$10 million for state parks enterprise projects
 - \$5 million for local agencies that operate a unit of the state park system
 - \$18 million for fairground facility improvements
 - \$30 million for low cost coastal accommodations
 - \$25 million for state parks natural resource projects

Trails & Greenway

- \$30 million for non-motorized infrastructure development and access improvements competitive grants (up to 25% for innovation transportation programs that expand outdoor experiences to disadvantaged youth)

Rural Recreation, Tourism, & Economic Enrichment

- \$25 million for competitive grants to non-urbanized areas

Rivers, Creeks, & Waterways

- \$162 million for river parkways and urban streams restoration
 - \$37.5 million to Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
 - \$37.5 million for San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
 - \$16 million for the Santa Ana Conservancy Program
 - \$10 million to the Lower American River Conservancy Program
 - \$3 million for the Los Gatos Creek and Guadalupe River
 - \$3 million for the Russian River
 - \$10 million for parkway along the Santa Margarita River
 - \$5 million for Clear Lake
 - \$10 million for the River Parkway Act of 2004
 - \$10 million for Urban Streams Restoration Program to the Department of Water Resources
 - \$20 million for parkway along the Los Angeles River

Ocean & Coastal Protection

- \$175 million for coastal and ocean resource protection
 - \$35 million for grants to protect ocean and coastal ecosystems
 - \$30 million for low cost coastal accommodations
 - \$85 million for protection of beaches, bays, wetlands, & coastal watersheds
 - \$20 million for coastal forest watershed health
 - \$5 million for estuarine lagoons and coastal wildlife areas

Groundwater Sustainability

- \$80 million for groundwater cleanup

Clean Drinking Water and Drought Preparedness

- \$250 million for clean and safe drinking water

Conservancies & Wildlife

- \$30 million for projects that implement the Salton Sea Management Program
- \$180 million to state conservancies
 - \$6 million to Baldwin Hills Conservancy
 - \$27 million to California Tahoe Conservancy
 - \$7 million to Coachella Mountains Conservancy
 - \$12 million for Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
 - \$12 million to San Diego River Conservancy
 - \$30 million to Lower Los Angeles River and Mountains Conservancy
 - \$6 million to San Joaquin River Conservancy
 - \$30 million to Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
 - \$30 million to Sierra Nevada Conservancy
 - \$20 million to State Coastal Conservancy
- \$137 million to the Wildlife Conservation Board, including \$5 million for regional conservation investment strategies, \$52 million for Natural Community Conservation Plan projects, and up to \$10 million to the UC Natural Reserve System
- \$200 million for voluntary settlement agreements
- \$50 million for Dept. of Fish & Wildlife deferred maintenance
- \$170 million to the California Natural Resources Agency for Salton Sea

Climate Preparedness & Habitat Resiliency

- \$18 million for wildlife & natural systems conservation direct expenditures and grants
- \$30 million to remove barriers to between habitat areas and increase connectivity, including \$10 million for the California Waterfowl Habitat Program
- \$25 million to restore rivers and streams in support of fisheries and wildlife, including \$5 million for salmon and steelhead projects in Klamath-Trinity watershed
- \$60 million to improve wildlife & fish passage, including \$30 million for Southern California Steelhead habitat
- \$60 million for upper watersheds protection in the Sierra Nevada and Cascades
- \$30 million to improve conditions for fish and wildlife in streams
- \$40 million for grants to assist coastal communities and fisheries with climate change adaptation, with 35% to the SF Bay Area Conservancy Program, and 12% to the West Coyote Hills Program
- \$30 million for innovative farm practices that improve climate resilience
- \$50 million for forest restoration & fire protection including hazardous fuel load reduction and management for wildfire and climate change, with at least 30% for urban forestry projects
- \$40 million to state and local conservation corps for restoration & protection projects and equipment
- \$60 million to restore natural, cultural, ethnic, and community resources, and convert fossil fuel plants to green space, with \$20 million of this amount for multi-benefit "green infrastructure" benefiting disadvantaged communities

Flood Protection and Repair

- \$550 million for flood protection and repair, including \$350 million for flood protection, \$100 million for stormwater, mudslide, and other flood-related protections, and \$100 million for urban multibenefit flood projects

Regional Water Sustainability

- \$290 million for regional water sustainability, including \$50 million for groundwater sustainability planning
- \$100 million for water recycling, including \$20 million for agricultural operations to implement irrigation systems that save water



The Committee for Clean Water, Natural Resources & Parks

SB 5 Bond Measure:

Local Government & Smart Growth Communities

The Committee for Clean Water, Natural Resources, and Parks (CWNRP) members worked hard alongside state legislators to successfully pass SB 5, a bond measure that voters will decide in June 2018. If passed by voters, the measure would provide \$4 billion that would reduce local spending, lower disaster risk and associated costs, increase local and regional revenues, create local jobs, and foster thriving, sustainable communities.

THE SB 5 BOND REDUCES LOCAL SPENDING

- ✓ Allows local governments to build water projects that reduce operating costs by increasing water efficiency or allowing local entities to purchase less water
- ✓ Allows local governments to make required repairs to park infrastructure and complete other needed parks projects consistent with existing city, county, or district park expenditure plans
- ✓ Allows local governments to undertake needed flood protection projects and avoid flooding costs
- ✓ Allows local governments to provide essential protections for their communities against climate change impacts, and avoid costs associated with climate change impacts

THE SB 5 BOND INCREASES LOCAL REVENUE

- ✓ Allows local governments to develop visitor centers, county fairs, aquatic facilities, fitness centers, regional sports complexes, and other revenue-earning attractions
- ✓ Allows local governments to update, expand and acquire parks, and generate local revenue from park programming and private events
- ✓ Allows local governments to acquire or expand open space, green infrastructure, urban forestry, efficient landscaping, bike and walking paths, trails and other smart community growth features that create local revenues via increased property values, business influx, and diverse income earners, among other things
- ✓ Allows local governments to enhance or create place-specific revenue-earning recreational and tourism opportunities

THE SB 5 BOND CREATES LOCAL JOBS

- ✓ Grows and supports California's \$92 billion outdoor recreation economy with over 700,000 local jobs and billions of dollars in local and state revenues
- ✓ Grows and supports California's tourism economy
- ✓ Provides up to 5% of bond funds for community workforce development
- ✓ Provides that to the extent practicable a project that receives bond funds will provide workforce education and training, contractor, and job opportunities for disadvantaged communities

Thriving local communities for all.
