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Supervisor Janice Hahn
Supervisor, 4th District
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street, Room 822
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Measure A--Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Protection Measure of 2016

Dear Supervisor Hahn:

As a member of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, the **City of Manhattan Beach**, respectfully requests that you **NOT SUPPORT** the recommendation of the Measure A Steering Committee to allocate 30% of the Competitive Grant funds to High and Very High Need areas. The intent of the voters was to fund as many projects as possible throughout the County.

Measure A asked voters to continue their support for local parks, beaches, open space, and water resources by approving an annual parcel tax of 1.5 cents per square foot of development for recreational improvements in Los Angeles County.

The 45 member Steering Committee broadly represented community interests throughout the County. However, the Cities charged to implement the improvements are represented by only a few seats on the Committee. During the Competitive Grant Fund discussions, the Steering Committee recommended a funding set-aside of 30% of the Competitive Grant Funds for High Need and Very High Need areas. The Competitive Grant Scoring Rubric has already provided additional scoring points for the high and very high need areas within each Grant Proposal. Therefore, this additional funding set-aside does not provide fair and equitable opportunities for funding within each of our communities. Measure A's language does not call for allocating 30% of the Competitive Grant Funding in this manner and high and very high need areas are already receiving special consideration. The voters approved Measure A to address their highest needs within each of their own communities.

Since there is high need in every community based on condition and deferred maintenance of their parks, this request is asking you to **NOT SUPPORT** the 30% set-aside for the Competitive Grant Funding as defined by the Steering Committee request. If this 30% set-aside were approved, the Competitive Grant Funding would not be fair and equitable for all communities which have identified needs of their own.

The opportunity to improve all parks within communities of Los Angeles County would be diminished implementing the 30% Target Funding or set-asides for the Competitive Grant Funding. Our agency is concerned that the intent of Measure A is being changed beyond the intent of the voters.

Sincerely,

Steve Napolitano
Mayor
City of Manhattan Beach

Cc: Jane Beesley, Regional Parks and Open Space District