



# Cathedral City

## Legislation Text

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***City Council***

**MEETING DATE: 10/12/2016**

**TITLE:**

**California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program Grant Application for Dennis Keat Soccer Park.**

**FROM:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the City Council authorize a California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program grant application for lighted futsal court(s) at Dennis Keat Soccer Park; and approve a Resolution in support of the Grant Application.

**BACKGROUND:**

The State of California Department of Parks and Recreation is soliciting Grant Applications for the 2016 California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program (Program). This Grant is part of the Proposition 40-2002 Resources Bond Act passed in March of 2002 which provides funding for local assistance Grant Programs.

The intent of the Program is to provide financial assistance to local agencies and community based organizations to foster the development of new youth soccer/futsal, baseball, softball and basketball recreational opportunities in the State.

There are \$23.3 million in funds available for qualifying projects under this competitive Grant Program cycle. The minimum grant amount is \$75,000 and maximum grant amount is \$1 million per project site. The applications for the Program are required to be submitted by November 1, 2016.

**DISCUSSION:**

A noticed public meeting was held at Panorama Park on September 20, 2016 to discuss potential Grant funded basketball and/or soccer facilities at Panorama Park. The constituents that attended that meeting made it clear that they did not want formalized soccer facilities at Panorama Park. Their concerns were that existing open space needs to be preserved and that there is a lack of parking within the Park and on the fronting streets. The City also received phone calls and e-mails from residents that were consistent with what was heard at that Public Meeting. Staff is now focusing

on expanding the basketball facilities at the Park and not on soccer facilities.

The proposed Grant funded facilities and Public Meeting results were also presented to the Parks and Events Commission as information. The Parks and Events Commission suggested that additional parking for the Park would be beneficial if the Grant allows. Staff reviewed this request with the Grant writer and confirmed that additional parking facilities would not be Grant eligible.

Staff presented the results of the Public Meeting and the Parks and Events Commission meeting regarding Panorama Park to the City Council on September 28, 2016 in Study Session. An additional comment and signed petition was submitted by a constituent requesting that a futsal court be made as part of the application for Panorama Park.

Based on the comments heard at the Council Meeting, Staff will continue with a basketball based Grant Application for Panorama Park. Notwithstanding these comments heard, City Staff will redirect the soccer and basketball Grant Application work started for Century Park, and substitute it with a lighted futsal court based Grant Application for the Dennis Keats Soccer Park. (Note: It has been determined that the title conveyance for Century Park is in error and it will take time to clear up, thus preventing a Grant Application for this location at this time).

In order to facilitate the Program Grant Application, Staff is attaching a State Parks required Resolution that will be submitted with the Program Grant Application. In order to expedite the Program Grant Applications, Staff is requesting that the City Council approve the attached Resolution at this time, to be sent in with the Program Grant Application.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Grant writing services were approve prior for Century Park (which has stopped) and will be shifted over to this Dennis Keat Soccer Park Grant Application work.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Dennis Keat Soccer Park Resolution.