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# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Leslye Corsiglia  
Julie Edmonds-Mares

**SUBJECT: 2013 HOUSING RELATED  
PARKS PROGRAM AWARDS**

**DATE:** July 18, 2014

Approved

Date 7/18/14

## INFORMATION

The City received great news last week when the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the 2013 Housing Related Parks Program (HRPP) Awards. The City learned that it will receive \$2,978,600 to assist with the completion of the construction of a park in the Tamien neighborhood and to acquire a property at Alum Rock and 31<sup>st</sup> Streets for a future park. On January 14, 2014, the City Council authorized staff to submit applications for these projects, which are both located in park-deficient neighborhoods, making them more competitive under the HRPP scoring criteria.

HRPP is funded by Proposition 1C (the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006), which was approved by the voters in 2006 and provided \$2.85 billion for affordable housing and related infrastructure. HRPP funds provide an incentive for local governments to build affordable housing by providing grant awards for parks and park facilities when a locality approves the development of new affordable homes. The funding commitment across all cities for this 2013 HRPP cycle totaled \$73.6 million. Grant awards are determined based on the number of housing opportunities that a jurisdiction creates for its lower-income residents. Approximately \$100 million in HRPP funds remain for future funding cycles. While Proposition 1C has provided important funding for HRPP and other housing programs, less than 10 percent of the funds remain.

This is the second award that the City has received through the HRPP. In March 2012, the City was awarded \$1,269,650 for the acquisition of the Rosemary Park, located at 1<sup>st</sup> and Rosemary Streets. The funds were used to assist with the purchase of a future park property at Kerley Drive and East Rosemary Street. This purchase was approved by the City Council on June 17, 2014.

The two projects funded in this round are:

- Tamien Park: The project site consists of 3.5 City-owned acres (west of Lick Avenue location and north of Humboldt Street) in Council District 3. At a minimum, the future park is anticipated to consist of a multi-use field, picnic area under arbor, restrooms,

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jogging/walking pathway, security lights, fencing, and associated landscaping. The City received \$2 million for this park project.

- Alum Rock/31st Streets property: The project site consists of 1.5 acres (between Alum Rock Avenue and Hwy 101 north on ramp) in Council District 5. City staff is in discussions with the current property owner (Caltrans) to purchase the site as a potential park. The City received \$700,000 for this park project.

The State's award of \$2,978,600 exceeds the amount of funding for these two projects by \$278,600. Because the City developed more affordable homes, it was eligible for added funding. Staff anticipates reporting back to the City Council regarding the status of each of these projects as well as the recommended use of the excess funds by the end of 2014.

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Attachments: Maps (2)

EXHIBIT - A-1

PROPOSED TAMIEN STATION PARK SITE

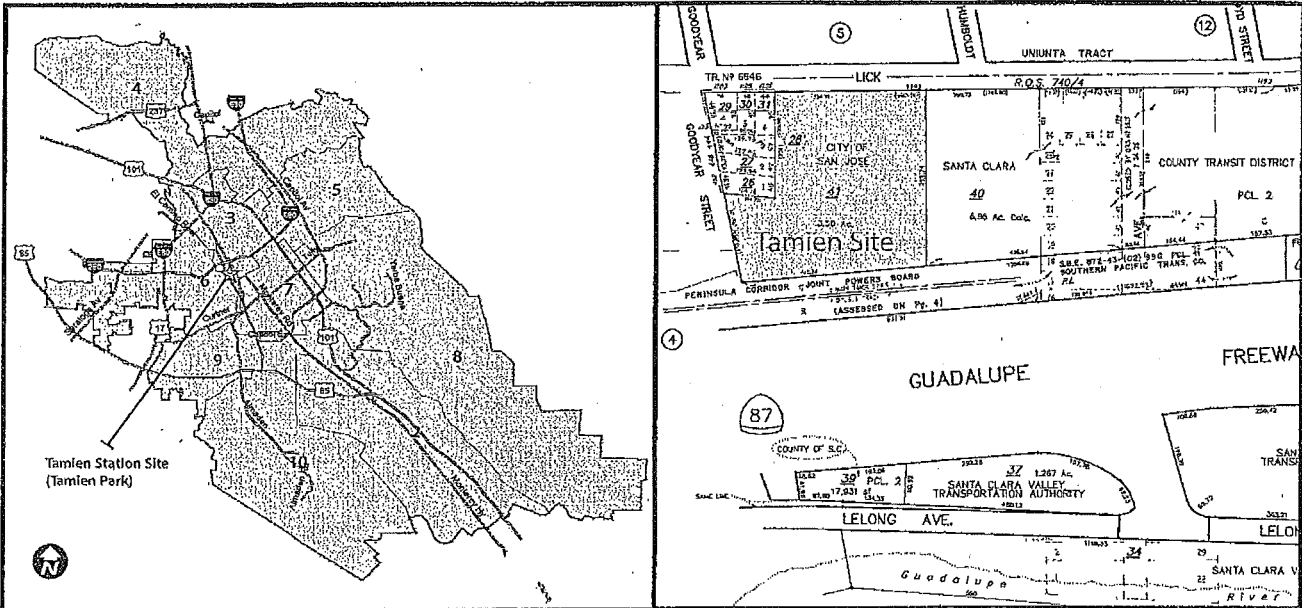


EXHIBIT - A-2

# PROPOSED ALUM ROCK & 31<sup>ST</sup> STREET SITE

