RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 315479

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE APR 22 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE, APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE OF INFLATION REDUCTION ACT URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING FOR THE READY, SET, GROW SAN DIEGO PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service administers
Urban and Community Forestry Program grant awards with funding from the federal Inflation
Reduction Act 2022, H.R. 5376, 117th Cong. (Aug. 2022) (IRA); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Ready, Set, Grow San Diego project (Project) will improve San Diego's urban forest by planting thousands of new trees in Communities of Concern (COC) while protecting and preserving hundreds of existing trees through tree grate removal, tree well expansion, and sidewalk repairs; and

WHEREAS, the City has developed an initiative to increase urban tree canopy cover with the goal of achieving 35% canopy coverage by 2035 and to focus tree planting in COCs to address tree equity; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost for the Project is \$10,000,000, with no funding currently allocated, and IRA grant funding from the USDA Urban and Community Forestry Program will fully fund the proposed Project, without requiring a local match, however four full-time positions that are reimbursable by the grant will be required to support administration of this grant; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by City staff with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

1. The Mayor or his representative is authorized to take all necessary actions to apply to

the USDA Forest Service to secure IRA Urban and Community Forestry Program grant funding

in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, and to execute a grant agreement with the USDA Forest

Service for the purpose of supporting all phases of the Project; and

2. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to accept, appropriate, and expend IRA

Urban and Community Forestry Program grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000

contingent upon receipt of a fully executed grant agreement; and

3. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to establish a special interest-bearing

account for the grant, if required; and

4. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to increase Transportation Department

Operating Budget, and to appropriate and expend an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 within

Fund 600000, GRANT FUND-FEDERAL.

APPROVED: MAR& W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

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Deputy City Attorney

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March 4, 2024

Or.Dept: Transportation Dept.

CC No.: N/A

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meeting of	APR 0 9 2024	issed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this
	`	DIANA J.S. FUENTES City Clerk
		By KANTUL MEANA Deputy City Clerk
Approved:	4 (W/W) (date)	TODD GLORIA, Mayor
Vetoed:	(date)	TODD GLORIA, Mayor

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