

RESOLUTION NO. 08-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL URGING EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS WORK WITH THE CITIES OF ALBANY, BERKELEY, EL CERRITO, EMERYVILLE, RICHMOND, AND WITH BCDC, TO OBTAIN FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX AT GILMAN STREET ADJACENT TO EASTSHORE STATE PARK IN BERKELEY AND BETTER CONNECT THIS HIGHLY USED FACILITY WITH THE BAY SHORELINE AND ASSOCIATED PEDESTRIAN TRAILS AND AMENITIES

WHEREAS, in December 2002, the East Bay Regional Park District purchased the Gilman Street parking lot adjacent to the Eastshore State Park in Berkeley from Golden Gates Fields to be developed into a regional sports complex using Measure AA acquisition funds totaling \$12.9 million; and

WHEREAS, as of October 25, 2005, the East Bay Regional Park District had obtained \$5 million in grant funds from the California State Parks Proposition 40 grant program to construct the regional sports complex at Gilman Street on behalf of the five East Bay cities of Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, and Richmond; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2004, the East Bay Regional Park District executed a funding agreement with the City of Berkeley to have the City of Berkeley use the State grant funds to construct the regional sports complex at Gilman Street; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2007, the City of Berkeley received an additional \$2 million from CBS Outdoors, Inc. to construct the regional sports complex at Gilman Street in exchange for a sign relocation agreement; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2007, construction began on Phase One of the regional sports complex at Gilman Street and is scheduled for completion in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley has determined that an additional \$4 million is needed to complete the regional sports complex at Gilman Street (Phase Two); and

WHEREAS, the regional sports complex at Gilman Street will draw thousands of sports users to Eastshore State Park and the Bay Trail.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Albany that the City formally requests that the East Bay Regional Park District work with the cities of Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, Richmond, and with BCDC, to obtain \$4 million in funding to complete the regional sports complex at Gilman Street adjacent to Eastshore State Park in Berkeley and better connect this highly used facility with the Bay Shoreline and associated pedestrian trails and amenities.

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