



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Resolution to Support the Passage of Proposition 12, the Safe Neighborhood, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Act of 2000

MEETING DATE: January 5, 2000

PREPARED BY: Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council support the passage of Proposition 12.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Proposition 12 (bill AB 18) will provide to the City of Lodi roughly \$500,000 for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, and restoration of real property for park purposes in it's Per Capita I and Per Capita II programs. In addition, funds will be made available for competitive grants (Robert-Z'berg-Harris program) that can be used for infrequent refurbishing or innovative recreation programs that meet otherwise unmet needs.

Governor Gray Davis signed bill AB 18 in September. Citizens will vote on the proposition March 7, 2000 ballot, which needs only a simple majority to pass. Please see the attached for more information.

I remind you that our list of deferred maintenance and general projects is long. This proposition could be a major boost to getting these projects completed. Your support and endorsement would be appreciated.

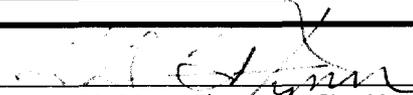
FUNDING: None.

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Attachment

cc: City Attorney

APPROVED: 
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March 7, 2000
Ballot

FACT SHEET



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Prop 12: The March 2000 park bond¹

Gov. Gray Davis signed Proposition 12 (bill AB 18) on September 21 in Los Angeles. Citizens will vote AB 18, the "Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond," on the March 2000 ballot. It requires a simple majority to pass (i.e., 50% + 1). This \$2.1 billion bond act, the largest park bond in U.S. history, includes the following:

Per capita I program \$338 million²

Provides funds to local jurisdictions for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation or restoration of real property for park purposes—60% of the funds are allocated to cities and districts; with a minimum allocation of \$30,000. 40% is allocated to counties and regional districts. The minimum to regional districts and counties will be \$150,000.

cities/districts: \$6.29 per capita counties: \$4.00 per capita

Per capita II program \$50 million

cities/districts: \$2.70 per capita³

Roberti-Z'berg-Harris program \$200 million

R-Z-H funds (1) rehabilitation or refurbishing performed annually or infrequently; excludes capital improvements and other routine maintenance work; special major maintenance projects include energy efficiency for lands and facilities (i.e., irrigation systems, replacement or repair of indoor facility or resurfacing parking lots. (2) innovative recreation programs that respond to unique and otherwise unmet recreation needs of special urban populations; can fund transportation to facilitate access to programs and facilities. R-Z-H requires a match of 30% of project costs. Funds are distributed on following formula:

69%	block grants for urbanized areas	
60%	cities and districts	\$3.33 ⁴ per capita
40%	counties and regional districts	\$1.75 per capita
14%	block grants to heavily urbanized areas	
60%	large cities	\$1.86 per capita
40%	large counties and regional districts	\$.49 per capita
17%	competitive grants	\$33,490,000
88%	non-urbanized jurisdictions	
12%	urbanized, not including heavily urbanized	

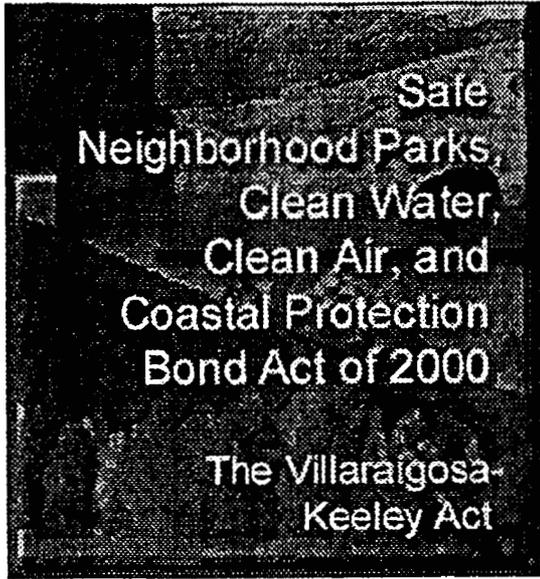
Other funding programs local agencies may compete for funds:

Riparian/river/aquatics habitat	\$10 million	Trails, nonmotorized	\$10 million
Low income/at risk youth	\$100 million	Urban/cultural centers/	\$71.5 million
Regional youth soccer facilities	\$15 million	zoos/wildlife education	
Playground replacement	\$7 million	CA Heritage Fund	\$10 million
Urban forestation proj.	\$10 million	Local Conservation Corps	\$12.5 million
		State parks administered by local agencies	\$20 million

The full text of Prop 12 is available on the CPRS website legislative page (www.cprs.org/legislative). Search for the text of AB 18. 9/99

¹ Proposition number tentative, to be confirmed by November 11, 1999
² State Department of Parks & Recreation will administer; less than 1.5% of total allocation is for grant administration.
³ Provides funds to cities and districts with populations of 200,000 or less within urbanized counties with a population greater than 200,000
⁴ The allocations given here are estimates developed by the Department of Parks & Recreation

YES on Proposition 12!



In 1999 the Legislature placed this important measure on the March 7, 2000 California ballot. It provides funds for all the state agencies which protect land and recreational resources for future generations, and also makes grants to local agencies which perform the same functions. The bond act gives greatest emphasis to urbanized areas, providing special funds to heavily urbanized areas, including funds for urban conservation corps, recreation for at-risk youth, open space protection in fast growing suburbs, and protection of remaining wildlife areas in some of our fastest growing counties.

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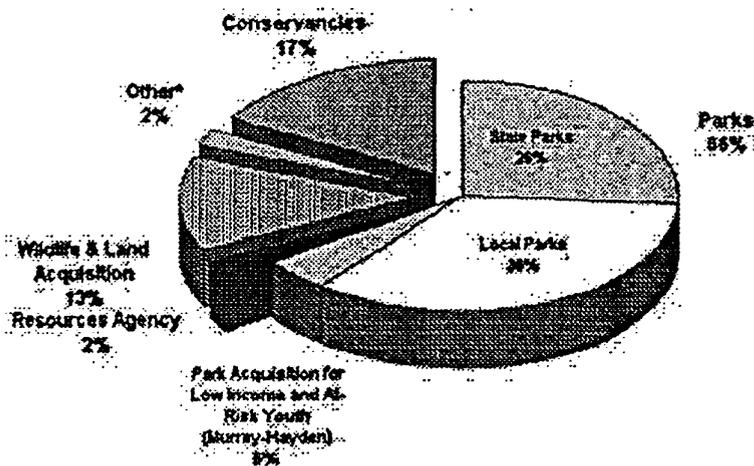
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Funding Allocations

The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Mikaraligosa-Keeley Act)



- [Funding Allocations by Agency](#)
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If passed, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, And Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 would fund a number of local assistance grants that would be administered by the [California Department of Parks and Recreation](#).

CPRS PUBLISHES PROPOSITION 12 TALKING POINTS

Use these talking points to help educate voters about the key issues

These "talking points" cover key concepts to use when educating voters about Proposition 12. It is important to make your presentation as specific as possible regarding potential projects should Prop 12 be approved March 7, 2000.

Additional information is available at www.safeparks.org or www.cprs.org.

How will Prop 12 benefit my community?

Throughout California, neighborhood parks have deteriorated and, in that process, have become unsafe and unusable for children, adults, and families. Proposition 12 tackles these problems head on by providing substantial grants to local park and recreation agencies (cities, counties, and special districts) for renovating existing playgrounds and facilities, replacing inefficient lighting systems, and/or rehabilitating buildings and grounds. Prop 12 provides funding through:

- Per capita grants, \$388 million;
- Roberti-Z'berg-Harris grants to urban areas; \$200 million;
- Grants to low income neighborhoods, \$100 million; Playground safety improvements, \$7 million; and
- Playground safety in state parks, \$1 million.

Do all areas of the state benefit from Prop 12?

Prop 12 calls for a per capita funding program of \$388 million be distributed to local agencies (cities, counties, and special districts) and \$200 million for grants to local agencies in highly urbanized areas (Roberti-Z'berg-Harris program). In addition, the Coastal Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Board, and various other conservancies (from Tahoe to the Coachella Valley) will receive funds.

How do I determine what my agency will receive from the per capita program and Roberti-Z'berg Harris grant program?

It is anticipated the per capita allocation will be based upon 2000 population data prepared by the Department of Finance. The State Department of Parks and Recreation (who will administer the per capita and the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris programs) website, <http://www.cal-parks.ca.gov>, contains further information.

Who supports Prop 12?

A wide variety of state and local civic organizations are supporting the passage of Prop 12 as they recognize the value of clean air, clean water, and safe parks to all Californians. They include:

- League of Women Voters of California;
- American Assn. of Retired Persons;
- Congress of California Seniors;
- California Taxpayers' Association;
- California Organization of Police and Sheriffs;
- National Audubon Society;
- Coalition for Clean Air;
- California League of Cities; and
- California Park & Recreation Society.

Does the business community support Prop 12?

Yes, in fact the **California State Chamber of Commerce** has endorsed Proposition 12 as it recognizes the value of clean water, clean air, and safe parks to business retention and development in local communities. In addition the California Manufacturers Association and the California Taxpayers' Association has endorsed Prop 12. The California Environmental Dialogue, made up of the state's leading businesses and conservation groups has prepared "Land Conservation in California," pointing out the need for protection of our natural environment. You can see their publication at <http://www.pcl.org>.

Cal-Tax states, "Cal-Tax endorses Proposition 12 because it is fiscally responsible, it does not raise taxes, and it pays for projects that are important for all Californians."

How soon will my community get the funds to improve our parks?

If voters approve Prop 12 on March 7, the Legislature can begin to appropriate funds in the 2000/01 budget. State agencies must approve all fund distributions, but there is no reason why funds cannot be ready for distribution in late summer 2000 if the Legislature budgets the funds in the 2000/01 budget year.

The State does not have to wait until bonds are sold, since a loan can be taken from the state Pooled Money Investment Account, which will be repaid once the bonds are sold.

Who decides how the funds will be used locally?

The text of Prop 12 provides the final word on how funds will be spent. Some funds will be distributed on a per capita bases, while others are competitively distributed. Still others are specifically mentioned in the text of the proposition. Virtually all funds must first be appropriated to the state agency in charge of distributing the funds. State agencies will either use existing distribution guidelines or it will create new ones.

The per capita and Roberti-Z'berg-Harris funds can be spent on a wide variety of purposes. Local agencies will prepare an application, explaining how the funds will be spent

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in compliance with the provisions of Prop 12. If the application meets the requirements of the law and the regulations, funds will be distributed as soon as the Legislature appropriates the funds.

Competitive funds (trails, historic preservation, etc) will be distributed by the appropriate state agency based upon applications. There will probably be more than one application period, so that all the funds are not spent in the first application cycle. Each state agency must adopt regulations or guidelines, and the Legislature must appropriate the money before applications can be received.

How will the bonds be paid? How long will it take to pay them off?

Steve Kroes, vice president of the California Taxpayers' Association, a nonpartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting taxpayers from unnecessary taxes, states that "payments on the bonds will be made over 20-25 years from existing revenues in the state general fund. The passage of the bonds commits the Legislature to make these bond payments one of their highest budget priorities as they allocate funds."

Will my taxes increase if Prop 12 is approved?

According to a November 1999 memorandum from Cal-Tax, "State general obligation bonds like Proposition 12 do not cause a tax increase ... Proposition 12 will require about \$140 million a year in debt payments - this is about 0.2 percent of next year's projected general fund budget. This small fraction is a reasonable amount to pay for investing in important facilities that will benefit future generations."

Where can I get more information about Prop 12?

Proposition 12's official website is <http://www.safeparks.org> or the website of the California Park & Recreation Society, <http://www.cprs.org>.

PROPOSITION 12**\$2.1 Billion Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air
and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000**

I. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)		<u>\$544,730,000</u>
◆ State Parks Projects	\$502,750,000	
◆ Natural & Cultural Resource Stewardship Projects	18,000,000	
◆ Volunteer Facility Projects	4,000,000	
II. Grants to Local Agencies for Urban Parks, Trails and Recreation Facilities		<u>\$846,500,000</u>
◆ Per Capita Grants to cities, counties and park districts	\$388,000,000	
◆ Robert-Z' Berg-Harris Urban Open Space Grant Program	200,000,000	
◆ State Park facilities administered by local agencies	20,000,000	
◆ Park improvements for low income and at-risk youth	100,000,000	
◆ Playground safety projects	7,000,000	
◆ California Heritage Fund	10,000,000	
◆ Urban Creeks Restoration, lake access	10,000,000	
◆ Non-motorized trail projects	10,000,000	
◆ Zoos, museums, aquariums and wildlife	71,500,000	
◆ Regional youth soccer facilities - priority for projects serving disadvantaged youth	15,000,000	
III. Resources Agency		<u>\$45,850,000</u>
◆ Los Angeles San Gabriel Rivers	\$25,000,000	
◆ Kern River, Santa Clarita, county projects	13,600,000	
◆ Sierra-Nevada-Cascade Mountain Region	6,250,000	
IV. California Conservation Corps		<u>\$15,000,000</u>
◆ Grants for local Conservation Corps	\$12,500,000	
◆ State Conservation Corps	2,500,000	
V. Wildlife Conservation Board		<u>\$265,500,000</u>
◆ Natural Community Conservation Partnerships (NCCP)	\$100,000,000	
◆ Wetlands	10,000,000	
◆ Riparian and watershed lands	10,000,000	
◆ Threatened and endangered species	45,000,000	
◆ Ancient redwoods and oak woodlands	13,000,000	
◆ Salton Sea	5,000,000	
◆ Wildlife Conservation Partnership Projects	82,500,000	
VI. Department of Fish & Game		<u>\$12,000,000</u>
◆ Waterfowl habitat projects	\$5,000,000	
◆ Wildlife area improvement projects	5,000,000	
◆ Non-native vegetation removal	2,000,000	
VII. State Coastal Conservancy		<u>\$220,400,000</u>
◆ Coastal areas, watersheds, wetlands	\$145,400,000	
◆ San Francisco Bay Area projects	25,000,000	
◆ Santa Monica Bay projects	25,000,000	
◆ Central Coast	25,000,000	
VIII. Conservancies		<u>\$135,000,000</u>
◆ Tahoe Conservancy	\$50,000,000	
◆ Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	35,000,000	
◆ San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy	30,000,000	
◆ Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy	5,000,000	
IX. Agricultural Land and Urban Forestry Projects		<u>\$35,000,000</u>

Proposition 12 – the
Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean
Water, Clean Air, and Coastal
Protection Bond Act of 2000

Support Form

I/We support Proposition 12, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000, which will be on the March 7, 2000 ballot. If approved, this act will authorize \$2.1 billion in bonds to improve California's state and local parks, our water, air, and coast.

You may add my/our name to the Proposition 12 literature and website
www.safeparks.org.

Organization Name

Authorized Signature

Printed Name

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip.

Phone

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E-mail

Please FAX completed form to CPRS Headquarters
at 916/665-9149

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000 (PROPOSITION 12)

WHEREAS, California's state, regional, and local parks serve as recreational, social, and cultural centers for California's communities, providing important venues for youth enrichment and safety; community identity, protection of natural and historic sites, parkland and open space; and

WHEREAS, the State's commitment to state, regional, and local parks has dwindled over the last decade thereby California and its communities have not kept pace with the needed funding for rehabilitation, development, and acquisition; and

WHEREAS, during this same period of diminished funding for state, regional and local parks, California's citizens have increased their visits to state and local parks; and

WHEREAS, California is known for its incredible natural resources of open space, mountains, rivers, coastline, and forests that positively impact the state and local economy; and

WHEREAS, California is largely an urban state where it is projected the State's population will continue to grow by 18 million by 2020; thereby placing more pressure on existing parkland and facilities; and

WHEREAS, California's economy is dependent upon maintaining a high quality of life that includes attractive and safe public park and recreation facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the last statewide park bond was passed in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 12, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000, provides \$2.1 billion for state and local park projects to preserve our natural heritage and allow urban areas to expand much needed recreation facilities that serve children, youth, seniors, and families.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lodi supports the passage of Proposition 12, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000, and encourages California voters to approve this bond act on March 7, 2000.

Dated: January 5, 2000

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2000-03 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held January 5, 2000 by the following vote:

- AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Land, Pennino and Mann (Mayor)
- NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Nakanishi
- ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
- ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

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City Clerk