

City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Date: September 20, 2004

From: Ann Swift, City Clerk

Subject: **Approval of a Resolution Supporting Measure CC, a Tax Measure for the East Bay Regional Park District**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the attached resolution which offers the city's support for passage of Measure CC on the November 2, 2004 ballot, providing funding for the East Bay Regional Park District.

BACKGROUND

On September 7, the city council received a presentation from John Sutter of East Bay Regional Park District asking for support for Measure CC on the November ballot. Measure CC would raise \$3 million per year for 15 years for projects in the assessment area (Albany, Alameda, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, Kensington, Oakland, Piedmont, and small portions of Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo). The money raised will be used for increased wildfire protection and park maintenance.

The district has now requested the city's official support for this measure. By passing the attached resolution, the city urges all Piedmonters to support Measure CC on the November ballot.

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSITON CC
The Park Access, Wildfire Protection, Public Safety and
Environmental Maintenance Measure**

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District has lost more than \$12 million dollars in property tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, costs for maintenance and replacement of park facilities have risen during the same period of time; and

WHEREAS, current bond funds from Regional Park and state bonds cannot be used for ongoing park maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Piedmont benefits from access to regional parks and depends on park maintenance to reduce the threat of wildfire which could damage this city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Piedmont expresses strong support for Measure CC, the East Bay Regional Park District maintenance measure and urges all Piedmonters to vote YES on Measure CC on the November ballot.