

City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: October 1, 2018

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Paul Benoit, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution in Support of East Bay Regional Park District Measure FF

RECOMMENDATION

Consider a resolution supporting East Bay Regional Park District Measure FF.

BACKGROUND

At the Council's regular meeting of September 17th, East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Board Member Dee Rosario gave the Council a presentation regarding Measure FF, which the district has placed on the November 2018 ballot. He described Measure FF as an extension of the \$12 per year residential parcel tax, which benefits parks in Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Emeryville, Kensington, Oakland, Piedmont, Richmond and San Pablo.

The East Bay Regional Parks provide a tremendous benefit to residents of Piedmont, especially given the small size of the City and in the limited amount of park and open space. Piedmonters have many nearby Regional parks to visit, many of which would continue to be supported by the tax extension before the voters in Measure FF.

At the September 17th meeting, Council directed staff to develop a resolution of support for the measure, which is attached to this agenda report.

Attachment: Draft Resolution in Support of Measure FF

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
MEASURE FF

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors voted unanimously on June 5, 2018 to place Measure FF on the November 2018 ballot; and

WHEREAS, Measure FF is a \$12/year (\$1/month) residential parcel tax which will extend for twenty years the existing, voter-approved funding, without raising taxes for regional parks in western Alameda and Contra Costa Counties; and

WHEREAS, Measure FF funds will be used exclusively to benefit the 22 regional parks that are located in the communities where the tax will be levied: Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Emeryville, Kensington, Oakland, Piedmont, Richmond and San Pablo; and

WHEREAS, Measure FF will continue funding for regional park services including increasing public safety and wildfire prevention; preserving water quality, shorelines, urban creeks and coastal areas; protecting natural habitats for birds, wildlife and endangered species; improving trails and public access to parks; increasing environmental education programs and upgrading nature based flood protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Piedmont declares its support for East Bay Regional Park District Measure FF, which will be on the November 2018 general election ballot.

[END OF RESOLUTION]