

DIRECTOR'S MOTION FROM AARON VANEK, ZONE 6 DIRECTOR FUNDING

TITLE: Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) request from applicant Venice Community Housing Corp to enable the Mar Vista Arbor Group to plant trees on National Blvd.

BACKGROUND

Venice Community Housing Corp is acting as a 501c3 fiscal sponsor for the Mar Vista Arbor Group (MVAG), who seek to plant roughly 20 native species of long-lived trees along National Blvd between Bundy and Sawtelle, in MVCC's zone 2 and zone 3 boundary. Although the planting is done by unpaid volunteers, funds are needed to purchase and transport the trees, mulch for growth and other necessities.

Mar Vista Arbor is well-experienced in these operations, and they have identified suitable public parkway sites for the plantings and have contacted and are prepared to support neighbors who will be asked to water the trees for the first few years plus file permits with the Urban Forestry Division. Mar Vista Arbor is prepared to also water the trees if the resident is unable to for any reason.

The purpose of the trees is to provide beautification, shade, cleaner air, and provide habitat for animals, enhancing the quality of life for all residents in Mar Vista.

A prior version of this NPG was approved by Transportation, Infrastructure and Sustainability Committee (agenda item 8.2) on September 1, 2026 and approved by the the MVCC in a Special Board of Directors Meeting on September 29, 2026 (agenda item 5.2) but was not submitted to the city clerk due to an irregularly phrased motion.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: NPG application, project budget, IRS Letter of Determination, a California Secretary of State certification, and a Form 990 for Venice Community Housing Corp.

THE MOTION: The Mar Vista Community Council approves the Neighborhood Purpose Grant application submitted by Venice Community Housing Corp in the amount of \$4,296.00 to be used for Mar Vista Arbor Group's planting of trees along National Blvd between Bundy Drive and Sawtelle Boulevard.