



DATE: June 5, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Property Management Division

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT AN \$18,000 CONTRIBUTION FROM THE MAR LADO HIGHLANDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE THESE FUNDS TO THE MAR LADO HIGHLANDS LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT OPERATING ACCOUNT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council accept an \$18,000 contribution from the Mar Lado Highlands Homeowners Association and approve a budget appropriation of these funds to the Mar Lado Highlands Landscape Maintenance Assessment District operating account.

BACKGROUND

The City of Oceanside has established thirteen Landscape Maintenance Assessment Districts ("LMADs") which are funded by property owners within those districts through the property tax system. From the revenue generated through assessments levied in each district, the City has the responsibility to maintain landscaped medians and slopes within the boundaries of each of the respective districts. Each district account is maintained and billed separately for work performed. The Mar Lado Highland Landscape Maintenance Assessment District ("Mar Lado LMAD") is one of the thirteen LMADs.

Over the past few years the revenue generated by the assessments levied within the Mar Lado LMAD has not been sufficient to cover the expenses associated with the landscape maintenance. In lieu of raising the assessments within the Mar Lado LMAD, the Mar Lado Highlands Homeowners Association ("Association") has been contributing excess Association funds to offset expenses. This year the Association Board of Directors is again desirous of contributing \$18,000 to be used for landscape maintenance.

ANALYSIS

The \$18,000 contribution from the Association will allow the Mar Lado LMAD to offset its landscape maintenance expenses, supplementing the inadequate assessment, without the need for the property owners within the Mar Lado LMAD to go through a ballot

measure to vote on increasing the assessments to cover expenses. Staff inquired with the HOA regarding the possibility of dissolving the District but the HOA is not interested in taking it back.

FISCAL IMPACT

The \$18,000 will be deposited to the Mar Lado Highlands LMAD account (1249.4143) and appropriated to the operating account (320319249.5320) for FY 13/14. The LMAD is a self-supporting entity with no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

CITY ATTORNEY ANALYSIS

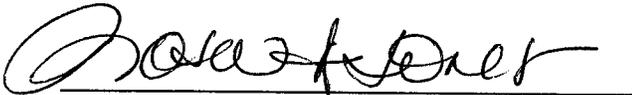
Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

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