




CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Department(s): Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services	CEQA: Categorically Exempt, CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, File No. PP19-070	Coordination: City Attorney and Budget Office	Dept. Approval: /s/ Jon Cicirelli
Council District(s): 5			CMO Approval:  9-3-19

SUBJECT: VEGGIELUTION’S GRANT APPLICATION FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY’S HISTORIC GRANT PROGRAM FOR INTERPRETIVE DISPLAYS PROJECT AT EMMA PRUSCH FARM PARK

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving Veggielution’s application to the County of Santa Clara’s Historic Grant Program to add non-permanent educational interpretive displays in and around the orchard, farm fields, and greenhouses at Emma Prusch Farm Park, and make all required grant assurances.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Veggielution is a non-profit organization that farms about one-acre at Emma Prusch Farm Park and provides healthy sustainable food for the community. Its mission is to connect people from diverse backgrounds through food and farming to build community in East San José.

Veggielution is seeking funding from the County Historic Grant program to add non-permanent educational interpretive displays in and around the orchard, farm fields, and greenhouses at Emma Prusch Farm Park. These will help expand the prevailing historical narrative for agriculture in Santa Clara County as the “Valley of Heart’s Delight.” The displays will highlight untold stories of Asian immigrant farmers and their contributions to the success of agriculture in Santa Clara County.

The County grant application requires a City Council resolution in support of the projects. The resolution is to confirm City ownership of the site; confirm that the City has reviewed the grant application and, if the project receives funding, will provide for continual public use of the site on a non-discriminatory basis for a minimum of 20 years for Capital Improvement projects and a minimum of 10 years for Non-Capital Improvement projects; will allow for the continued maintenance of the project; and, delegate authority to applicants to sign the grant applications and execute the grant agreements.

COST AND FUNDING SOURCE:

No City funding is needed for this project as any grant funding provided will be given directly to Veggielution. Veggielution will oversee all project implementation and maintenance costs.

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