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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2020

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to commence statutory procedures to lease 1.27± acres of District real estate located south of the Cal-Sag Channel between Chatham Street and Division Street in Blue Island, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.04 (portion)

Dear Sir:

The City of Blue Island ("Blue Island") and Blue Island Organic Sustainable Farm ("BIOS Farm") have requested to lease 1.27± acres of District real estate located south of the Cal-Sag Channel between Chatham Street and Division Street in Blue Island, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.04 (portion). Blue Island and BIOS Farm intend to use the subject site for commercial farming purposes. The requested lease term is 5 years.

Parcel 15.04 is currently under lease to Blue Island along with several other District parcels for public recreational use, including the construction and maintenance of the Cal-Sag Trail, hosting community events, and maintaining a parking lot and community gardens. The lease commenced June 11, 2013, and expires May 31, 2052, and comprises 150± acres of District real estate located between Kedzie Avenue and Fay's Point in Blue Island, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcels 14.01-14.02, 14.04-14.09, 14.11, 14.13, 15.03-15.07, 15.09-15.11 and 16.03. A companion transmittal letter is on today's agenda seeking approval to amend Blue Island's lease to allow for the partial surrender of this land. A commercial lease on this portion of Parcel 15.04 will not affect the construction or operation of the Cal-Sag Trail.

The District's technical departments have reviewed this lease request, have indicated that the subject site is not currently needed for corporate use and have no technical objections thereto.

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It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and direct the General Counsel to commence statutory procedures to lease 1.27± acres of District real estate located south of the Cal-Sag Channel between Chatham Street and Division Street in Blue Island, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.04 (portion) upon the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, STM:EMA:CMM:vp Recommended, Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for January 9, 2020

Attachment