



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** June 24, 2014

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Downtown Organization Maintenance Agreement For Fiscal Year 2015

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a one-year agreement in the amount of \$618,250, with the Downtown Organization (DO) for landscape maintenance, sidewalk cleaning, and general maintenance of the 00-1200 blocks of State Street from Victoria Street to Cabrillo Boulevard, including the Highway 101 underpass and various cross streets from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

### **DISCUSSION:**

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the City of Santa Barbara contracts with the Downtown Organization (DO) to provide landscape maintenance, sidewalk cleaning, and general maintenance of the 00-1200 blocks of State Street and many of the cross streets between Chapala and Anacapa Streets. The primary purpose of the contract is to maintain State Street in a clean, neat, and attractive condition. Services provided by the DO include:

- Landscape maintenance and plant installation in accordance with State Street Maintenance Guidelines
- Trash and litter removal from sidewalks and planter areas
- Sidewalk washing using a water recovery system
- Cleaning and painting of all vertical surfaces of kiosks, planters, fountains, electrical boxes
- Cleaning and maintenance of drinking and decorative fountains; cleaning of drinking fountains
- Trash and litter removal from sidewalks on the Paseo between Marshalls and the Fiesta Five movie theater
- Repair of vandalized or broken irrigation system components
- Trash and litter removal from sidewalks and planters at Storke Placita

Additionally, the Downtown Organization will be adhering to the City of Santa Barbara Stage 2 Drought Regulations & Waste of Water Prohibition established by the Santa Barbara City Council on May 20, 2014. This includes: turning off the three decorative fountains; hoses must be equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle; spot treatment cleaning of sidewalks only when there is a potential threat to health and safety; irrigating plant material in the early morning and ending at 10:30 a.m.

A copy of this agreement is available in the City Clerk's office for public review.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Funding for this contract in the amount of \$618,250 is included in the adopted Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2015 budget. The Downtown Parking Fund will provide \$309,125 toward the contract. The remaining amount is funded by the General Fund.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

Landscape maintenance on State Street is consistent with the City's Integrated Pest Management Strategy. The DO uses hand weeding and mulch in the landscaped planters to control weeds. These methods help the City of Santa Barbara achieve its sustainability goals.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office