



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** April 7, 2015

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

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

**SUBJECT:** Renew An Agreement To Maintain And Operate Pilgrim Terrace Community Gardens

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute an agreement with Pilgrim Terrace Affordable, L.P., to maintain and operate the Pilgrim Terrace Community Gardens.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The City has three community gardens that are located near the Franklin and Westside Neighborhood Centers. These rentable garden plots provide Santa Barbara residents and their families with accessible, low-cost gardens where they can grow organic vegetables, herbs, and flowers.

Since 1979, the City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department has maintained and operated one of the community gardens at Pilgrim Terrace, an affordable apartment community located at 649 Pilgrim Terrace Drive. The garden has 50 raised bed plots that are rented to the public for an annual fee of \$64 for City residents/ \$77 for non-City residents. Parks Division staff is responsible for the maintenance of the garden, and Recreation Division staff handles the rental of the garden plots, collecting the annual fees and working with the gardeners and maintenance staff.

With the anticipated change in ownership of the Pilgrim Terrace property, staff has been negotiating a new agreement to continue the City's interest in operating a community garden in that location. In the new agreement, Pilgrim Terrace Affordable, L.P., will grant the City Parks and Recreation Department the license to continue to maintain and operate the community gardens for the public use, and Pilgrim Terrace Homes will continue to maintain and operate the open space area on the property. There is no fee to the City for use of the property.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Estimated revenues in the Fiscal Year 2015 Parks and Recreation Department General Fund budget for rental of the Pilgrim Terrace Community Gardens is approximately \$2,500.

A copy of the contract/agreement is available for public review in the City Clerk's Office.

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