



State Appropriation for Renovation of the Cesar Chavez Community Center at Bobby Bonds Park

Office of the City Manager

City Council

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BACKGROUND

- Constructed as the University Heights Junior High School in 1928. The school closed in 1972.
- Purchased by the City for the purposes of a park facility in 1976.
- Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



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STATE FUNDING APPROPRIATION

- California's 2022-23 budget included **\$25,000,000** to renovate the César Chávez Community Center at Bobby Bonds Park.
- Funding for this renovation project was **strongly supported** by former **Assembly Member Jose Medina, Assembly Member Sabrina Cervantes**, along with the **Riverside Arts Academy**.



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THE PROJECT

The project entails complete renovation of an existing community center:

- New HVAC systems;
- Plumbing, electrical, lighting;
- ADA compliance improvements;
- New restrooms;
- Completely refurbished auditorium with new sound and lighting systems;
- New roof;
- Fire suppression and intrusion alarm systems and surveillance cameras;
- New communication systems;
- New finishes such as tile, carpeting and exterior and interior painting; and
- Site improvements (lighting, parking, walkways and landscaping) to support access and restoration of the building.



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PROJECT TIMELINE

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	TIMELINE
Hire design consultants to develop construction plans and specifications (3 months)	April 2023- July 2023
Develop construction plans and specifications (12 months)	July 2023- July 2024
Obtain City Permit (1 month)	July 2024 – August 2024
Bidding Period (2 months)	August 2024- September 2024
Award Construction Contract (1 month)	October 2024
Issue Construction Notice to Proceed (1 month)	November 2024
Construction Phase (14 Months)	December 2024 – February 2026
Submit Project Closeout package with final Payment Request to State	March 1, 2026



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THE CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan Priorities



Goal 2.3. Strengthen neighborhood identities and improve community health and the physical environment through amenities and programs that foster an increased sense of community and enhanced feelings of pride and belonging citywide.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust

Project is a quality recreational facilities designated in City's Parks Master Plan process.



Fiscal Responsibility

Project allows the City to utilize a State budget appropriation to renovate a recreational facility.



Sustainability & Resiliency

Promotes a sustainable community and economic development and projects to encourage community engagement and resiliency.



Equity

Project ensures that all eligible persons receive equitable access to service.



Innovation

Project allows the City to capitalize on new and changing funding sources in partnership with federal and state programs.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Approve a Resolution (Exhibit A) authorizing acceptance of Twenty Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) from a State budget appropriation to support the substantial renovation of the Cesar Chavez Community Center at Bobby Bonds Park and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all funding documents associated with receipt and usage of this funding appropriation, making minor corrections as necessary;
2. Approve a draft Grant Agreement with the California Natural Resources Agency (Exhibit B) as the administering document for the State budgetary appropriation related to this Project; and
3. By at least five affirmative votes, and upon execution of a Grant Agreement with the State, authorize an increase in revenue the amount of \$25,000,000 to Cesar Chavez Center Renovations receivable account 9410200-334300 and a like appropriation to expenditure account 9410200-462050.



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