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Memo

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Gary Yee, Ed.D., Acting Superintendant and Secretary, Board of Education
 By: Vernon Hal, Deputy Superintendant, Business Operations
 Timothy White, Associate Superintendant, Facilities Planning and Management

Board Meeting Date: January 29, 2014

Subject: Donation of thirty-four (34) Redwood Trees to Chabot Elementary

Action Requested: Acceptance of Donation by the District

Background: The District received donations for the 2013-2014 school year as indicated in the chart below. The donation information is available on the board's legislative website.

File ID #	Backup Document	Type	Recipient	Donation's Purpose	Time Period	Funding Source	Donation Amount
	Appendix A – Invest from the Ground Up	Donation	Chabot Elementary School	Provide tree barrier to reduce transmission of air pollution from Highway 24	February 15, 2014	Contemporary Lyceum Institute/Urban Biofilter	\$4,250.00

Fiscal Impact: The total grant value including the site preparation, planting, irrigation equipment, and maintenance for two years while the roots become established will be provided by Contemporary Lyceum Institute/Urban Biofilter

- Donation valued at \$4,250.00

Recommendation: Acceptance of the donation by the District pursuant to the terms and conditions thereof, if any.

Attachments

INVEST FROM THE GROUND UP – COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM
2013/14 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY PROJECTS

Appendix A – Invest From the Ground Up – Community Tree Planting Program
Permission for Planting and Maintenance of Trees

This is to certify that Oakland Unified School District,
(property owner, e.g., city, county, state)

the legal owner of the property Chabot Elementary School
(address or location of property)

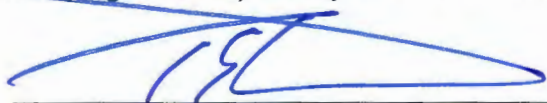
6686 Chabot Road, Oakland, CA 94618

hereby grants permission to Urban Biofilter/Comtemporary Lyceum Institute
(organization applying for grant)

to plant and maintain trees on said property as described in the project proposal entitled

The Lorax Project

The owner also assures that the trees will not be removed arbitrarily (without first notifying CaUFC) for a period of at least 15 years.

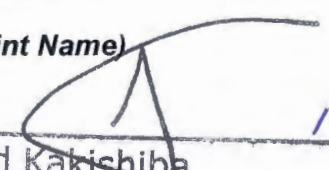

(Signature of property owner's authorized representative)

(Date)

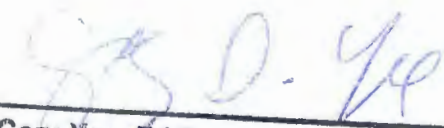
Associate Superintendent of Facilities
Planning and Management
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David Kakishiba
President, Board of Education

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OUSD Donation Form

Please complete the information requested on this form. Attach your donation checks made payable to Oakland Unified School District with the name of the school referenced on the check's memo note. For school sites receiving donations: deliver/mail check & form to the Office of your Regional Executive Officer/Network Executive Officer for processing and board review/preparation. For central office departments receiving donations: deliver/mail check & form to your department Office Manager for processing and board review/preparation.

Questions? Contact Betty Guerin at 879-8369 or by email at Betty.Guerin@ousd.k12.ca.us for further information.

Table with 9 columns: Site No., School Name, Donation's Purpose, Start Date, End Date, Donor, Donation Value*, Check Date, Check No. Row 1: 918, Facilities Department, Provide 34 Redwood trees to Chabot ES, 1-22-2014, 1-22-2016, Contemporary Lyceum Institute/Urban Biofilter, \$4,250.00, NA, NA.

Print Your Name: Susie Butler-Berkley
Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Job Title: Contract Analyst
Date: January 22, 2014
Approval Signature by Regional Executive Officer/Network Executive Officer/Executive Officer: [Handwritten Signature]

(*Donations or grants over \$5,000 require separate board review Registrar File ID Numbers.)

Contemporary Lyceum Institute

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"It's not about what it is, it's about what it can become."

-The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

The germination of The Lorax Project began with the construction of the 4th bore of the Caldecott Tunnel. A variety of mitigation strategies were considered to reduce the impact of the anticipated increase in vehicle traffic. Planting trees along Highway 24 was proposed first by the 4th Bore Coalition and later through an Adopt-a-Highway initiative, but Caltrans objected. In late 2013, the City of Oakland agreed to permit the planting of redwood trees adjacent to the highway at Chabot Recreation Center Area and Chabot Elementary School. The Lorax Project also plans to offer trees to residents on Miles Ave. between Patton St. and Presley Way.

People who live, work, or attend schools near major freeways experience negative health effects due to increased exposure to air pollution. Children living or attending schools near freeways are at increased risk of asthma, allergies, bronchitis, and impaired lung function growth. Schools and parks located near freeways are particularly hazardous for children as their lungs are fragile and still developing. Long-term consequences from repeated exposure to freeway pollution include compromised adult lung functioning, lung disease, heart disease, and cancer. Studies have shown that trees located near highways can serve as a barrier that can significantly reduce the transmission of pollutants through the air. (See the [science](#).)

New schools are immune to the difficulties faced by Chabot Elementary School and nearby Claremont Middle School; the passage of a [2003 state law](#) banned new school construction within 500 feet of a major freeway. California legislators reviewed the scientific evidence and determined

January 7, 2014 - We have received donations for 82 trees! Through Urban Biofilter it looks like we are receiving an in-kind donation of redwood trees that bumps up our total to 96 trees! With donations still trickling in, we are considering our fundraising complete! On to Phase II - planting!

**"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
Nothing is going to get better. It's not."
- The Lorax by Dr. Seuss**

the health risks for children going to schools located within 500 feet of the freeway was unacceptable. The entirety of both the Chabot Elementary and Claremont Middle School campuses are within 500 feet of the highway. Two years ago, Claremont Middle School planted rows of redwood trees on their property adjacent to the highway.

Funding for The Lorax Project is dependent entirely upon community donations. The final number of trees planted will depend upon the amount raised in December 2013. Trees will be planted in mid-January, 2014. It costs an estimated \$125 for one tree. This amount covers the cost of the tree, site preparation, planting, irrigation, and maintenance for the two years needed for the root structure to be established. Donors or two or more trees can chose where the trees will be planted. All donations are tax-deductible. Fundraising for the The Lorax Project is now complete. If you would like to support future projects, [click here to donate now](#).

UPDATES:

December 7, 2013 - Check out this article about the project in the December edition of the [Rockridge News](#)

December 13, 2013 - See the lead article in [today's Montclarion](#). In the print edition, it was on the front page, above the fold.

December 15, 2013 - We had a great meeting community meeting at the Claremont Club today. The speakers were very informative and there were a lot of [good questions](#). We have pledges/donations for about 25% of our goal of 100 trees!

December 17, 2013 - [This letter](#) went out to neighbors today. One final push for donations before the end of the year.

December 20, 2013 - Our donations have now surpassed our pledges, and the two combined are over 42 trees. Almost halfway there!

December 21, 2013 - To see our new Facebook page, click [here](#).

December 23, 2013 - We are now over 50 trees. More than halfway there.

January 4, 2014 - We have partnered with Urban Biofilter, a non-profit in West Oakland dedicated to green infrastructure. Urban Biofilter is going to provide some (possibly many) redwood trees and help us recruit volunteers for the planting!