

new elementary school, subject to the Public Preservation Act of 1971, and provided that the City followed specific requirements.

AB 1457 (Baca), Chapter 852, Statutes of 2006, authorized the City of San Bernardino to transfer up to 12.5 acres of specified park property to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Bernardino for sale to private development, provided that the City followed the requirements of the Public Park Preservation Act of 1971.

- 4) **Bill Summary.** This bill, as proposed to be amended, allows the City of El Monte to dispose of all or a portion of current Pioneer Park property acquired or developed with grant moneys from the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Urban Open-Space and Recreation Program Act, the Community Parklands Act of 1986, and the California Wildlife, Coastal, and Park Land Conservation Act of 1988, subject to the acquisition of property of equal or greater value and approval by the Department of Parks and Recreation, at no cost to the state. Property acquired must be used for park purposes and is subject to all applicable requirements of the aforementioned park bond programs. Replacement property must be acquired before the city disposes of the Pioneer Park property.

The proposed amendments to this bill ensure consistency with prior related legislation allowing local jurisdictions to replace park property in keeping with the requirements of the bond programs with which they were funded.

This bill is sponsored by the City of El Monte.

- 5) **Arguments in Support.** The City of El Monte, sponsor of this bill, states, "The City of El Monte is currently developing the largest transit-oriented development (TOD) project in the United States, on Santa Anita Avenue and Santa Fe Drive, adjacent to the El Monte Transit Station...(part of) the site (known as Pioneer Park) was developed by the City with City funds for recreational uses. Later, funding for subsequent park improvements was obtained from the State under the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Urban Open Space and Recreation Program Act, (which) requires replacement park space be identified and acquired in order to sell or convert existing park space for other purposes."
- 6) **Arguments in Opposition.** None on file.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

City of El Monte [SPONSOR]

Opposition

None on file

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