

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: October 29, 2012

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 14: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the Conservancy Fund to Community Partners for the VerdeXchange /ULI FutureBuild Conference**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution recommending resolution authorizing a grant from the Conservancy Fund to Community Partners for the VerdeXchange /ULI FutureBuild Conference in the amount of \$22,000.00.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.2(a) of the Public Resources Code states that

The conservancy may award grants to nonprofit organizations qualified as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)), . . . , to carry out improvements, maintenance, acquisitions, or educational interpretation programs that directly relate to a project that the conservancy is otherwise authorized to undertake pursuant to this division.

Background: Please see the attached grant application and supporting materials, including budget information, from Community Partners for the benefit of Metropolitan Forum Project. The proposed grant from the Conservancy Fund is to be matched from other sources, including private donations, corporate sponsorships, and other agencies' support. Community Partners for the benefit of Metropolitan Forum Project will use the funds to support the VerdeXchange /ULI FutureBuild Conference. Over the course of several months, Metropolitan Forum Project (MFP) will hold a series of panels, videos and interviews around greening the built environment of Los Angeles through infrastructure, open space, energy and design. As a result of MFP's work, the public will gain a better understanding of the office holders and candidates plans for the urban landscape and the built environment, as well as be educated on bold and feasible solutions for environmental planning issues. The Conservancy Fund is the repository for a number of private donations and bequests, and is an appropriate source for the matching grant.