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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 368

Introduced by Assembly Member Cedillo
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Koretz)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Goldberg)

February 20, 2001

An act relating to public capital facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 368, as amended, Cedillo. Breed Street Shul.

Under existing law, the annual Budget Act provides various items of appropriation of funds for local public capital facilities.

This bill would ~~declare the intent of the Legislature to provide funding for the renovation and improvement of~~ *require the Department of Parks and Recreation to address the need for renovations and improvements at the Breed Street Shul in Los Angeles by an* and to grant \$1,000,000, upon appropriation ~~in the Budget Act of 2001 and by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, to the Breed Street Shul Project, Inc. to be used for those renovations and improvements. The bill would make findings and declarations in that regard.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the
2 following:

3 (a) The Breed Street Shul, which opened in 1915 in the Boyle
4 Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, was the home of the
5 Congregation Talmud Torah, once the largest Orthodox
6 synagogue in Los Angeles.

7 (b) The Breed Street Shul is currently in disrepair and requires
8 significant renovation and capital improvements in order to bring
9 it into compliance with seismic and building standards, thereby
10 making it available as a museum and community cultural and
11 educational center for children and adults.

12 (c) Jewish and Latino groups throughout the community are
13 working together to redevelop the Breed Street Shul, preserve its
14 historical legacy and architectural integrity, and create a
15 multipurpose center that responds to the needs of the dynamic area.
16 These groups include the Jewish Historical Society of Southern
17 California, which has acquired the Shul, the Boyle Heights
18 Neighbors Organization, the East Los Angeles Community
19 Corporation, Impacto/El Proyecto de Pastoral, Self-Help
20 Graphics, the University of California at Los Angeles School of
21 Public Policy, the University of Southern California School of
22 Architecture, the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the
23 Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, Hebrew Union
24 College, and the Los Angeles Conservancy.

25 (d) Partial funding for the restoration effort has been made
26 available through the California Endowment, the J. Paul Getty
27 Trust, the National Trust for Historic Preservation-Save America's
28 Treasures Planning Fund, and the Jewish Federation of Greater
29 Los Angeles. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has
30 also awarded partial funding to the Breed Street Shul for seismic
31 retrofitting of the Shul's unreinforced masonry building, but
32 requires that matching funds be obtained.

33 (e) The Breed Street Shul is designated City of Los Angeles
34 Historic-Cultural Monument Number 359, is designated as an
35 Official Site of Save America's Treasures, and has been deemed
36 eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



1 ~~SEC. 2.—It is the intent of the Legislature to provide funding~~
2 ~~for the renovation and improvement of the Breed Street Shul by~~
3 ~~an appropriation in the Budget Act of 2001.~~

4 *SEC. 2. The Department of Parks and Recreation shall*
5 *address the need for renovations and improvements at the Breed*
6 *Street Shul in the City of Los Angeles and shall grant the sum of*
7 *one million dollars (\$1,000,000), upon appropriation by the*
8 *Legislature in the annual Budget Act, to the Breed Street Shul*
9 *Project, Inc. to be used for these renovations and improvements.*

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