

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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NO. 07-94

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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RECREATION AND PARKS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT AND SUPERVISION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

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General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve, subject to approval of the Mayor and the City Council, and the City Attorney as to form, a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office between the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) and the Los Angeles County Probation Department (County) for continued Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), grant funding up to \$615,000, to provide youth services during specified hours of peak juvenile criminal occurrences for a seventh fiscal year (2007-2008) ending June 30, 2008;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit forthwith the proposed MOU to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3 and to the City Attorney for review as to form; and,
3. Authorize the ~~General Manager~~ *Board President and Secretary* to expeditiously execute the proposed MOU, subsequent to the necessary approvals.

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### SUMMARY:

After six years of successful operation and over \$3.8 million in JJCPA funding received by the Department via the County, the Department has been offered additional funding to continue programs designed to serve at-risk youth through the Clean And Safe Spaces (CLASS) Parks Youth Employment Internship Program (YEIP). This program provides participants with positive activities and alternatives for new learning experiences.

In January 2002, the Department was initially awarded a \$750,000 grant to expand prevention services for at-risk youth within the City of Los Angeles (Board Report No. 02-45). Since then, the CLASS Parks program has continued to fulfill the expectations of the County through YEIP; which has provided training to over 2,400 youth since the program's inception in June of 2002, through January 31, 2007, with opportunities for improving job and life skills, as well as enhanced community involvement. This has been accomplished due to the County's continued support of expanding learning opportunities within YEIP over the past six years through offers of annual grant funding as referenced below.

In May 2002, a First Addendum (Board Report No. 02-210) was approved to enhance the JJCPA After-School Enrichment and Supervision Program by increasing funding from \$700,000 to \$950,000, to expand the program to a fourth City recreation facility.

In May 2003, a Second Addendum (Board Report No. 03-145) was approved to receive \$645,400 in JJCPA funding for continuation of the YEIP for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 and to provide enhanced services for at-risk youth or youth on formal probation.

In August 2003, a Third Amendment (Board Report No. 03-271) was approved to receive \$655,510 in JJCPA funding for continuation of the YEIP for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 and to accept responsibility for providing youth services during specified hours of peak juvenile crime occurrences at five selected recreation facilities: Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Park, Lincoln Park Recreation Center, Normandale Recreation Center, Panorama Recreation Center, and Rancho Cienega Sports Complex.

In Fiscal Year 2003-2004, introduction to personal finance was added to the YEIP curriculum. With young people earning money from jobs acquired through the Department's YEIP job skills training, instruction in personal finance was found to be necessary. Participants were taught money management skills as well as basic investment strategies.

In March 2005, a Fourth Amendment (Board Report No. 05-69) was approved to receive \$520,000 in JJCPA funding for continuation of the YEIP for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 to provide youth services during specified hours of peak juvenile crime occurrences. During that fiscal year, a film production class was added to the program. Professionals from the film industry instructed participants on the basics of camera operation, storyboarding, writing, sound, editing, directing, pre- and post-production, location lighting, acting, scheduling, and critiquing a film. After completing the

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program, participants reached a level of proficiency which allowed them to check out equipment in order to film and edit in pairs, footage on CLASS Parks activities and eventually to document other YEIP program activities on film.

On May 3, 2006, a new MOU (Board Report No. 06-110) was approved to accept an offer of \$520,000 in JJCPA funding from the County for the continuation of the YEIP for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 and to provide youth services during specified hours of peak juvenile crime occurrences. On June 15, 2006, this MOU was amended (Board Report No. 06-165) to accept an additional \$190,000 from the County for the Department to expand its involvement in JJCPA funded programs by offering summer programs for high risk/high need youths at City parks by increasing youth activities, high risk/high need services, parental support workshops, and recognition, incentive and award opportunities.

Also on June 15, 2006, a MOU was approved (Board Report No. 06-166) to accept an offer of \$520,000 in JJCPA funding from the County for the continuation of the YEIP for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and to provide youth services during specified hours of peak juvenile crime occurrences.

This funding helped YEIP to expand the program by reaching out to young people at new recreation sites and by providing transportation to youths who could not previously access the program due to distance, transportation issues, and the danger of crossing gang lines. YEIP also added a new Crime Scene Investigation, "CSI" Internship. This will further the Department's mission by providing youth at risk of joining gangs, a chance for positive exposure to and interaction with law enforcement officers who will be present at some of the sessions. To this end, Department staff plans to incorporate participation from Park Rangers and Public Safety Officers from the Department of General Services with the proposed internship program.

The currently proposed MOU (attached) prepared by the County, provides \$615,000 in funding for the seventh year of YEIP, for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. In addition to established internship programs, YEIP will add an Animal Care Internship in partnership with the Department of Animal Services (Animal Services). Participants will receive hands-on training in animal care at a variety of Animal Services facilities, learning the responsibilities and skills necessary for a career in this field. This will further the Department's mission by providing youth at risk of joining gangs, the opportunity to use their newly acquired skills to engage in community service at their local dog park, recreation center or animal shelter. After completing the program, participants may be able to assist in some of the many dog related programs offered at our recreation centers and family dog parks, with such activities as dog training/obedience classes, dog walking, and dog shows.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This MOU will allow the Department to advance funds to provide negotiated services, and then to submit requests for reimbursement. There is no fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Ann Vollmer, CLASS Parks.