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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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SUBJECT: LEXINGTON AVENUE PARK II - PROPOSED NAMING OF NEW PARK IN HONOR OF SEILY RODRIGUEZ

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the naming of the new park at 5707 Lexington Avenue as "Seily Rodriguez Park."

SUMMARY:

Lexington Park II is a new 0.34 acre pocket park currently under development at 5707 Lexington Avenue in the Hollywood area of the City. The completed park will have a combination basketball/volleyball court, American for Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible play equipment, and game tables, which will result in an exciting and much needed neighborhood facility. Councilmember Eric Garcetti has proposed that the new park be named in honor of Seily Rodriguez.

Seily Rodriguez, a young girl who lived in the neighborhood, died tragically last year in a traffic accident while crossing Santa Monica Boulevard. Seily attended the Santa Monica Boulevard Charter School and was beloved by her teachers, friends, and fellow students.

A community meeting was held to discuss the proposed naming on November 28, 2006. The meeting was attended by approximately twenty (20) people, all of whom expressed support for the proposed naming.

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Staff has reviewed the proposal and recommends approval of the name adoption. Councilmember Eric Garcetti and Metro Region staff support this proposal.

A standard Department sign was included in the current development project for the park, approved by the Board on May 17, 2006 (Board Report No. 06-124). If approved by the Board, the text of the sign would read, "Seily Rodriguez Park."

Staff has determined that the placement of the new sign is part of the overall development of the park that was previously approved as categorically exempt from CEQA. A Notice of Exemption for the entire project was filed with both the City and County Clerks on January 19, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Approval of this report will result in no additional cost to the Department, as the cost of a facility sign was originally included in the project budget.

This report was prepared by Camille D. Walls, City Planner, and Darryl Ford, Planning Assistant, Planning and Development.