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SUBJECT: ROSECRANS RECREATION CENTER - CONSIDERATION OF A FUTURE DONATION FROM CVS PHARMACY "ALL KIDS CAN" FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND

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Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Conceptually approve a proposed gift from CVS Pharmacy (CVS) through their All Kids Can program, consisting of funding up to and not to exceed \$225,000, to fund the design and construction of a universally accessible playground, including the cost of related surface materials and equipment, to replace the existing play equipment at the Rosecrans Recreation Center, pending the preparation of final plans and specifications and the finalization of a mutually acceptable gift agreement between CVS and the Department, subject to the Board's final approval;
2. Authorize the Department to work with the City Attorney to negotiate and prepare a final gift agreement between the City and CVS, specifying the terms and conditions associated with the proposed Gift and development of the proposed UAP, subject to the Board's final approval;
3. Conceptually approve the proposed replacement of the existing playground equipment at the Rosecrans Recreation Center, subject to the Board's final approval of related plans and specifications;

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4. Authorize the Department to work with CVS and the National Center for Boundless Playgrounds (NCBP) in the design and construction of the proposed UAP at the Rosecrans Recreation Center; and,
5. Authorize the Department to investigate and identify available funding for the payment of direct costs associated with the Department's project responsibilities as specified in the proposed Gift Agreement, subject to the Board's final approval.

SUMMARY:

CVS, through its All Kids Can program, has offered to provide the Department of Recreation and Parks a gift consisting of \$225,000 for the design and installation of a universally accessible playground (UAP) at the Rosecrans Recreation Center. The proposed project will replace existing play equipment that is approximately 17 years old and in dire need of replacement. Through preparation and research performed by staff from the Advanced Planning Section of the Department's Planning and Development Division, while working closely with representatives from CVS and NCBP, Rosecrans was selected by CVS as being the best fit for their program goals and objectives; to form a public-private partnership that will bring value to an underserved community by providing a recreational opportunity to as many children of all abilities as possible, but focusing on those with disabilities.

CVS All Kids Can is a program of the CVS Pharmacy Charitable Trust (Trust), supported by CVS, with a \$25 million commitment to making life easier for children with disabilities. Through this signature program, CVS and the Trust will support organizations that provide innovative programs and services in local communities focused on helping children with disabilities learn, play, and succeed in life. The goals of CVS All Kids Can are to raise awareness in local communities about the importance of inclusion and to build barrier free playgrounds so children of all abilities can play side-by-side. To facilitate the accomplishment of their goals and objectives, CVS All Kids Can has formed a partnership with NCBP, which was a partner with the Department in the development of Shane's Inspiration, the UAP previously installed in Griffith Park. NCBP will be involved in the Rosecrans UAP project by working closely with the Department and equipment manufacturer in assisting as needed with the UAP design.

The goals and objectives of CVS All Kids Can fall directly in line with the Department's objectives and efforts to provide recreational opportunities to children of all abilities as demonstrated with the Department's installation of UAPs at various park sites throughout the City.

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Environmental:

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the construction of a new UAP that is accessory to the recreation facilities at Rosecrans Recreation Center, and therefore, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11 (7) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Staff has discussed the proposed project with the Assistant General Manager of Operations East, the Superintendent of the Pacific Region, and the Office of Councilmember Janice Hahn of the Fifteenth Council District, and each supports the project in concept and concurs with staff's recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

At this time the fiscal impact to the Department is undetermined, pending determination of the proposed project's final scope of work and preparation of the proposed gift agreement.

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