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SUBJECT:

OPERATIONS EAST – EXPO CENTER – DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF EXPO CENTER FOR THE 2010 YOUTH CAMP PROGRAMS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accept the donation as noted in the Summary of this Report and that appropriate recognition be given to the donor.

SUMMARY:

EXPO Center received \$37,500 in scholarship assistance for the 2010 Youth Camp Programs from the Friends of Expo Center. This is a 75% installment of the \$50,000 that has been allotted for summer 2010 by the Friends of Expo Center.

The Friends of Expo Center (The Friends) was established as a 501(c)(3) organization in 1998 to develop the site of the 1932 Los Angeles Swim Stadium and to construct a state-of-the-art recreational and community center. Today, a 30-member volunteer board comprised of community and business leaders continues to provide strategic support and financial assistance to EXPO Center. A major goal of the Friends is to serve low income families in the Exposition Park community by providing scholarship assistance to subsidize all fee-based camp programs. Campers must be residents of the City of Los Angeles, to receive scholarship assistance.

The \$37,500 will be used to offer approximately 500 full and partial camp scholarships to families who have completed an application and qualify to receive assistance based on their financial situation. Scholarships are given out on a first come, first served basis to families that meet the qualifications.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of this donation results in no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund, except for unknown savings, as donations may offset some expenditures. Without this donation, camp attendance would be much lower than the level we have been able to achieve.

The funds were deposited into the EXPO (EPICC) Donation Account for program related expenses.

This report was prepared by Belinda Jackson, Executive Director, EXPO Center.