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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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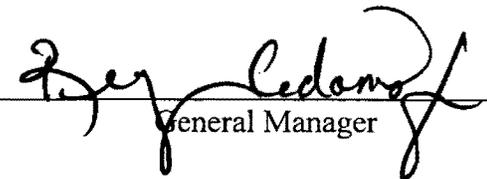
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& PARK COMMISSIONERS**

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION K-L.A. FOR KIDS PROGRAM 8<sup>TH</sup> FUNDING CYCLE –  
AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN ASSIGNMENT AND  
ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT TO EFFECTUATE THE TRANSFER OF THE  
MAR VISTA GARDENS SPORTS FIELD LIGHTING PROJECT GRANT  
PROPOSAL TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS  
ANGELES

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General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute an Assignment and Assumption Agreement, or similar document, to effectuate the transfer of the Proposition K-L.A. for Kids Program 8<sup>th</sup> Funding Cycle grant proposal for the Mar Vista Gardens Sports Field Lighting Project, which was originally submitted by the Department in May 2012, to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA).

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of April 18, 2012, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) authorized the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) to submit twenty-eight (28) grant proposals in response to the Proposition K-L.A. for Kids Program 8<sup>th</sup> Funding Cycle Request for Proposals (RFP) (Board Report No. 12-119). One of the proposals submitted was for \$50,000 in Proposition K grant funding for installation of outdoor sports field lighting for the basketball court, handball court and picnic area at Mar Vista Gardens which is a public housing facility owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). The Department had been operating and maintaining the recreational facility at Mar Vista Gardens through an Operating License Agreement with HACLA that was executed on July 13, 1992. The Department submitted the Proposition K grant proposal for Proposition K funding in May 2012 since the Department had control of the Mar Vista Gardens recreational facility at that time.

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Subsequent to the Board authorizing submitting the grant proposal, HACLA informed the Department of its desire to terminate the Department's obligations to operate and maintain the recreational facilities at HACLA's Aliso Pico, Imperial Courts, Jordan Downs, Mar Vista Gardens, Nickerson Gardens, Pueblo del Rio, and Ramona Gardens housing facilities. Consequently, the Department began working collaboratively with HACLA to effectuate the transition of site control. On April 16, 2013, HACLA officially notified the Department of HACLA's desire to discontinue the Department's services at HACLA's facilities due to budgetary constraints. Effective January 28, 2013, the Department vacated the Mar Vista Gardens facility and is no longer operating or maintaining the recreational facilities at that location. The Department is currently in the process of amending the Operating License Agreement to remove the Mar Vista Gardens site from the list of HACLA sites for which the Department operates and maintains the recreational facilities. The other HACLA sites will be removed from the Operating License Agreement as the Department transitions out of them.

The L.A. for Kids Steering Committee (LAFKSC) preliminarily recommended the Mar Vista Gardens lighting project for funding and has included it in the Assessment Report for Fiscal Year 2013-14 for Council consideration. According to the Proposition K-L.A. for Kids Program staff, HACLA has expressed an interest in assuming the responsibilities under the proposal and resulting grant, if awarded. HACLA, the City Attorney, the City Administrative Officer, and Department staff have been in discussions regarding the transfer of the Proposition K-L.A. for Kids Program 8<sup>th</sup> Cycle Mar Vista Gardens lighting project grant proposal. To effectuate the transfer of the proposal from the Department to HACLA, the LAFKSC staff advised the Department and HACLA that they would have to enter into an assignment and assumption agreement to document that HACLA is taking over the grant proposal and grant obligations, if awarded, from the Department.

In order to keep the project eligible for funding and award of the grant to HACLA, the grant application has to be transferred/assigned by the Department to HACLA and HACLA has to agree to assume the grant proposal and comply with all the requirements of a proposer and potential grantee. The recommended action would authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute an Assignment and Assumption Agreement, or similar document, for the Proposition K 8<sup>th</sup> Funding Cycle Mar Vista Gardens sports field lighting project proposal, with the understanding that Department staff will continue to negotiate with HACLA the logistics of terminating the Department's operation and maintenance obligations for recreational facilities under the Operating License Agreement with HACLA. It should also be noted that HACLA is still in the process of reviewing the Proposition K grant proposal and determining if indeed it is willing to undertake the obligations of a grantee under the proposal and the Proposition K Grant Program. In the event that HACLA determines it does not wish to assume the grant proposal and grant obligations, if awarded, the Department would not have any obligations under the grant proposal since it no longer has site control for the recreational facilities at Mar Vista Gardens.

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Thus, the lighting project would not be funded and the \$50,000 in Proposition K funds for Fiscal Year 2013-14 would be allocated by City Council to another eligible project.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund.

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