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SUBJECT: YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS - MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH COACHING CORPS TO PROVIDE VOLUNTEER COACHES AT VARIOUS PARK SITES

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General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and Coaching Corps, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, to provide trained volunteer coaches for youth sports programs at various recreation centers;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed Memorandum of Agreement to the Mayor and concurrently to the City Attorney for review as to form; and,
3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Memorandum of Agreement upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

Coaching Corps has offered to recruit and train volunteer coaches to support RAP youth sports programs at various recreation centers at no expense to the City. Coaching Corps is a California 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose purpose is to bridge the gap between sports focused after-school programs that need committed and trained coaches, and volunteers who wish to gain leadership skills and mentor youth through coaching athletics.

The term of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is three (3) years from the date of execution. Its purpose is to establish the respective roles and responsibilities of RAP's recreation staff and the Coaching Corps volunteer recruiters. RAP and Coaching Corps will work together

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to ascertain the number of volunteer coaches needed and available for each of the RAP youth sports leagues, and identify who the volunteer(s) will be. Coaching Corps will recruit volunteers from colleges and universities in and around the City of Los Angeles. Recreation staff will be responsible for making sure all volunteers are fingerprinted and cleared through RAP's human resources division before they perform their coaching assignments. RAP will assign volunteers to appropriate teams and supervise them throughout each sport season.

Coaching Corps' expertise in recruiting volunteers will be a tremendous asset in areas of the city where RAP recreation programs are short of volunteers because working families have no time to invest in such activities, or which are limited by other social factors. We hope this relationship will grow from a few centers at first, and then expand to all centers that would like to benefit from having more available volunteer coaches to enhance their programs. Other than requiring a signed MOA, Coaching Corps is asking for nothing in return for their services. However, Coaching Corps has requested that their standard agreement language be incorporated in the proposed RAP MOA. Coaching Corps agreement is attached to the proposed RAP MOA as Exhibit A; and defines the purpose, roles and responsibilities of both RAP and Coaching Corps staff and the volunteer coaches.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed MOA with Coaching Corps will involve only programming activities at various park facilities, with no direct physical use of the park facilities. Thus, the MOA will not have a direct physical impact or a reasonably foreseeable indirect effect on the environment, and, therefore, is not a "project" subject to CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Approval of this Memorandum of Agreement to provide volunteer coaches for youth sports programs at various recreation centers will result in no impact to the RAP's General Fund.

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