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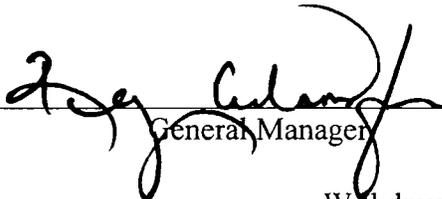
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SUBJECT: RALPH M. PARSONS PRESCHOOL AT EXPO CENTER – LOS ANGELES UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL GRANT; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

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 General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) General Manager to accept and receive grant funding in the approximate amount of \$80,000.00 annually from the Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) for the licensed preschool program at the Ralph M. Parsons Preschool located at the EXPO Center, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
2. Designate RAP's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and other related documents, which may be necessary for the implementation and completion of the project(s); and
3. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account and/or appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept grant funding in the approximate amount of \$80,000.00 annually from the Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) for the licensed preschool program at the Ralph M. Parsons Preschool located at the EXPO Center.

SUMMARY:

Through funds generated from the passage of Proposition 10 approving a tobacco tax in 1998, the State formed First 5 California, also known as the California Children and Families Commission, which then created local agencies throughout the State for the purpose of providing programming for the proper care and development of children up to the age of five. Locally, First 5 LA was created,

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which then developed a Universal Preschool master plan establishing and funding the Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP), an independent California non-profit organization, which currently provides funding to over 300 preschools in the County of Los Angeles.

At its meeting of April 17, 2006, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved the submission of an application to LAUP for grant funding to provide preschool programming at the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Ralph M. Parsons Preschool located at EXPO Center, which is a State-licensed preschool with the capacity to operate two classrooms for a total of 32 children. RAP's preschool program emphasizes age-appropriate physical activity to help offset early childhood obesity, as well as, an academic enrichment curriculum. (Board Report No. 06-97). Subsequently, RAP received an initial award of \$55,000.00 in grant funding from LAUP for the Ralph M. Parsons Preschool.

At its meeting of September 6, 2006, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners accepted the grant award from LAUP to provide quality preschool services to children from low-income families at the Ralph M. Parsons Preschool located at EXPO Center (Board Report No. 06-260).

The initial grant award included the award of grant funding annually provided that the Ralph M. Parsons Preschool maintained a successful funding rating, as determined by LAUP, and that RAP maintained compliance with the LAUP Operating Guidelines. Since becoming an LAUP Full Network Member in 2006, the Ralph M. Parsons Preschool has received a successful funding rating from LAUP, which has qualified RAP to continue to receive annual grant funding for its preschool programming. To date, LAUP has granted approximately \$469,000.00 in funding to RAP.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This grant does not require a match and results in no fiscal impact to the RAP's General Fund. The grant would provide for the preschool program to be offered to patrons for free or low-cost.

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