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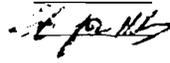
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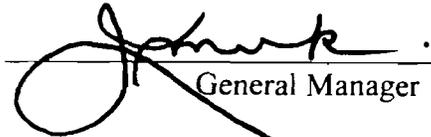
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SUBJECT: PAN PACIFIC PARK – MODIFICATION OF THE NAME OF THE NEW UNIVERSAL ACCESS PLAYGROUND TO “RENÉE’S PLACE”

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Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the modification of the name of the new universal access playground at Pan Pacific Park to “Renée’s Place”; and,
2. Direct Metro Region staff to install the appropriate signage.

SUMMARY:

Pan Pacific Park and Recreation Center is located at 7600 Beverly Boulevard. A new universal access playground is under construction at the site and is anticipated to be completed at the end of February, 2008. Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Council District Four, and the Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board (PAB) proposed the naming of the new universal access playground in honor of Ms. Renée Weitzer.

Renée Weitzer has served the community and the City of Los Angeles for over 20 years with dedication, care, and enthusiasm; therefore, on October 18, 2006, the Commission approved naming the universal access playground at the park “Renée’s Play Area” (Board Report No. 06-307). Subsequent discussions with the Council Office and others have led to a slight modification of the requested name to “Renée’s Place”. A dedication ceremony is being planned for March, 2008.

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Staff has reviewed this proposal and recommends approval of the naming. Councilmember LaBonge of Council District Four, and Metro Region staff support naming the universal access playground “Renée’s Place”.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the placement of an on-premise sign, which is a minor structure that is accessory to (appurtenant to) the existing park facilities, and therefore, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11 (1) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Minor expenditure for fabrication, installation and future maintenance for the sign only will be paid from the Metro Region maintenance account.

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