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YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM - ESTABLISHMENT OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to establish an appropriation account called "Youth Sports Program" under Recreation and Parks Special Fund, Fund No. 302, Department No. 89, to fund youth sports program activities in connection with the 2028 Youth Sport Partnership Agreement as described in this Report.

2. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this report.

SUMMARY

On September 13, 2017, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) selected the City of Los Angeles (City) to host the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (the "2028 Games"). In accordance with the Host City Contract, entered in September 13, 2017, by and between the City, the IOC and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City, the Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2028 (LA 2028) and the USOPC, dated August 16, 2017, LA 2028 committed to supporting youth sports programming, including funding up to \$160,000,000, to significantly enhance access to sports for the City's youth over the years leading up the 2028 Games (the "Youth Sports Commitment").

The terms of LA 2028's Youth Sports Commitment, developed in collaboration with the City, were memorialized in the 2028 Youth Sport Partnership Agreement (YSA) between LA 2028 and the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) for the operation and development of the

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City's Youth Sports Program (YSP) funded by the YSA. On April 7, 2022, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) approved an amendment to the YSA to expand access and flexibility for use of YSP funds, including allowing for reimbursement of transportation costs and membership fees.

Through the YSP, RAP is using the funding provided by LA 2028 to directly support and increase citywide youth participation in quality sport and fitness programming by removing financial barriers limiting access to participation.

The YSP is structured to overcome these barriers to participation, including considerations to achieve gender equity and to increase access and opportunity for all young people, particularly the economically disadvantaged and physically impaired and to ensure enduring health and wellness benefits for all communities in the City of Los Angeles.

Pursuant to the YSA, RAP agreed to prepare and present annual Project Plans for LA 2028's funding considerations to support RAP's YSP programs for each fiscal year under the following terms and conditions:

- a. RAP shall provide leagues and classes at all recreation centers within the City, subject to availability, capacity, maintenance needs or infrastructure conditions at each recreation center; and
- b. RAP shall offer leagues across all recreation centers within the City following the Citywide Seasonal Sports Schedule (subject to availability, capacity, maintenance needs or infrastructure conditions at each recreation center); and
- c. Each recreation center shall cooperate with local volunteer coaching organizations to maximize RAP's capacity to source trained coaches for such leagues and classes, provided there is no additional fee, cost, or impact to RAP; and
- d. RAP shall develop, implement, and maintain enrollment practices designed to encourage and maximize broad-based youth participation in RAP offerings; and
- e. RAP commits to offering all sports and fitness programs in a manner which places an emphasis and high priority on safety and reporting mechanisms for YSP participants.

Additionally, RAP will submit annual YSP Project Plan requests to LA 2028, up to the cumulative amount of the total available YSA funds available for such Fiscal Year, as follows:

- a. Participation Fees for Leagues and Classes: A majority of the cumulative funds available annually may be used each Fiscal Year to offset the direct costs for participation in RAP operated, quality youth sport leagues & classes;

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- b. Signature Youth Programs: RAP may also use 20% of the cumulative funds available annually to launch Signature Programs. These are new or substantially reorganized RAP activities, such as adaptive sport activities, which may be delivered with a RAP Partner Provider.

Each annual YSP Project Plan identifies estimated enrollments in existing and signature programs and eligible planned expenditures directly related to the Youth Sports Program provided by RAP at Recreation Centers and Aquatic facilities.

To date, Project Plans have been funded by LA 2028 through FY 2022-23 in the amount of \$25,351,921.67. LA 2028 provides funding on a quarterly basis, at the end of each quarter based on the projected costs depicted in the Project Plan. LA 2028 remits the funding to the Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO) office and CAO subsequently releases funds to RAP following a validation of actual costs for the quarter.

Each year, RAP prepares four (4) quarterly reports and one (1) annual report depicting actual enrollments data and actual costs by quarter and fiscal year.

To date, RAP has received a total of \$25,351,921.67 through FY 2022-23. The balance of available funding is \$134,648,078.33. [Total Available Funding: \$160,000,000.00 minus Funding to Date: 25,351,921.67].

Previously, the funds received as part of the YSA commitment was received and held in account Youth Sports Program. RAP staff is recommending the establishment of a new appropriation account named "Youth Sports Program" to accumulate all YSA funds received and expended for the YSP program into one account.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the proposed appropriation account will allow RAP to better track and account for all funds received and eligible expenditures for the Youth Sports Program. [Will there be any impact to the general fund? If not, please state so.]

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 2: Offer Affordable and Equitable Recreational Programming

Outcome No. 1: Improved health and social equity for young Angelenos

Key Metric: Number of youth participants in sports and fitness programs

Result: Increase participation in youth sports, fitness and aquatics programs by removing barriers to enrollment, specifically in low-income communities of color

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This Report was prepared by Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer.