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SUBJECT: PAN PACIFIC RECREATION CENTER - NAMING OF UNIVERSAL ACCESS PLAYGROUND "RENÉE'S PLAY AREA"

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the naming of the new universal access playground at Pan Pacific Park as "Renée's Play Area"; and,
2. Direct Metro Region staff to install the appropriate signage.

SUMMARY:

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

Renée Weitzer has served the community and the City of Los Angeles for over 20 years with dedication, caring, and enthusiasm. Ms. Weitzer has worked tirelessly to ensure that Pan Pacific Park received the necessary improvements to serve the needs of residents now and in the future. Her hard work and dedication in serving the community and the City have had a positive impact on the lives of people across Los Angeles. She currently serves as Chief of Staff and Planning Deputy to Councilmember Tom LaBonge and has worked in various capacities for both former Council President John Ferraro and former Councilmember Joel Wachs. She also served as president of the Encino Property Owners Association from 1970 to 1979.

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The Pan Pacific Recreation Center Park Advisory Board (PAB) is scheduled to meet on October 12, 2006, and staff anticipates the PAB's support of the proposed naming.

Staff has reviewed this proposal and recommends approval of the naming. Councilmember LaBonge Council District Four, and Metro Region staff support this naming.

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 sign only and will be paid for through the Metro Region maintenance account.

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