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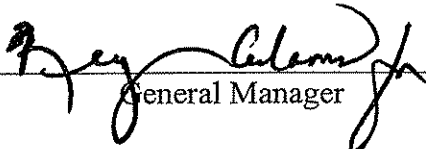
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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY—AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE OBSERVATORY TO EXTEND THE TERM OF AGREEMENT BY SIX MONTHS

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_

  
General Manager

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, with Friends Of The Observatory (FOTO), subject to the approval of the Mayor and the City Attorney as to form, to extend the term of the MOU by six months to December 31, 2009;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit forthwith the Amendment to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3 and to the City Attorney for review as to form; and,
3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Amendment, subsequent to the necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

The City of Los Angeles (City) and FOTO signed a three-year MOU in late 2006 to continue their partnership with regard to support for the Griffith Observatory. The term of that MOU (Board Report 06-126) runs from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009. Given the ongoing success of the collaboration between the City and FOTO, both parties are interested in negotiating a new MOU. However, as there is not sufficient time for such negotiations to be completed prior to the end date of the current MOU, this Amendment proposes to extend the

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term of the existing agreement by six months. The amended end date for the MOU would then be December 31, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Neither this Amendment nor the MOU itself have any impact on the Department's General Fund as there is no cost to the Department for its implementation.

This report was prepared by Mark Pine, Deputy Director, Griffith Observatory.