RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Subject to approval by the Mayor, authorize the transfer of appropriations within Recreation and Parks Fund 302, Department 88, as follows:

   FROM: Account 1010 – Salaries, General $3,825,000.00

   TO:  
         Account 1070 – Salaries, As Needed $2,000,000.00
         Account 1090 – Salaries, Overtime 200,000.00
         Account 1100 – Salaries, Hiring Hall 700,000.00
         Account 1120 – Fringe Benefits, Hiring Hall 200,000.00
         Account 3040 – Contractual Services 700,000.00
         Account 3310 – Transportation 25,000.00

   $3,825,000.00

2. Authorize the General Manager or his designee to make technical corrections as necessary to those transactions included in this Report to carry out the intent of the transfer as stated in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

Salaries, As-Needed (Account 1070), Salaries, Overtime (Account 1090), and Fringe Benefits, Hiring Hall (Account 1120) are in need of additional appropriations. The Department of
Recreation and Parks (RAP) has had to continue utilizing the services of part-time staff and hiring hall employees as well as overtime due to shortages in full-time personnel as a result of retirements, transfers, hiring freezes and promotions. For example, although the Department received authority to hire 130 positions, RAP was only able to increase overall employment by five (5) positions due to attrition (through November 2014). The Da Vinci Fire on December 8, 2014 also necessitated the use of overtime and part-time staff to relocate staff to temporary work locations. RAP has also responded to various small emergencies such as opening shelters for displaced residents due to apartment fires and the opening heating and cooling centers due to inclement weather. RAP will need additional funding in the Salaries-As Needed Account 1070 as the Department will open summer camps and seasonal pools in alignment with the closing of the Los Angeles Unified School Districts school year.

Additional funds are needed in the Contractual Services Account 3040 for lighting repair and improvements and other maintenance activities at: Jackie Tatum Harvard Recreation Center; Saint Andrews Recreation Center, and David Gonzales Recreation Center. These centers are located in economically disadvantaged areas where patrons do not always have access to improved green spaces and recreational services. These repairs will increase the usability of the centers, increase safety/security and save dollars (through improved LED lighting) as well as adding to the overall atheistic appearance of the facilities. Additional funds are needed for other minor repair projects to damaged gym floors, utility lines and concrete work.

Transportation (Account 3310) also needs additional funds for reimbursement of mileage.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This transfer between accounts is for budgetary adjustments and has a net zero impact on the Department of Recreation and Parks' General Fund.

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