BOARD REPORT
DATE June 01, 2016

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: EXPO CENTER – DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF EXPO CENTER FOR EXPO CENTER’S YOUTH JOB CORPS PROGRAM

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Withdrawn

Amended by Report No. 16-196

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept a donation in the amount of Forty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars ($49,500.00) from the Friends of EXPO Center for the EXPO Center Youth Job Corps Program and give appropriate recognition to the donor;

2. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to approve, encumber, and disburse stipend payments to participants of the program from funds deposited in Fund 302, Department 89, EXPO (EPICC) Donation Account 89837M, sub-account PG and in Fund 301, Department 88, EXPO Aquatics Municipal Recreation Program (MRP) Account 88060M, Sub-Account MRPXX752; and,

3. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

The Friends of EXPO Center was established as a 501(c) organization in 1998 to develop the site of the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Swimming Stadium and construct a state-of-the-art recreational and community center. Today, a thirty-two (32) member volunteer board composed of community and business leaders continues to provide strategic support and fiscal assistance to EXPO Center. EXPO Center will receive Forty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars ($49,500.00) for the Program. The funds will be deposited into the EXPO (EPICC) Donation Account 837M/PG. The funds will be used for the sole purpose of paying stipends to interns who participate in the Program and must be expended on or before January 31, 2017. In
addition, several Program interns will be hired for aquatics and stipends will be paid from program donations already deposited into the EXPO Aquatics MRP Account 752.

The Friends of EXPO Center has supported this Program for seven years, donating a total of Three Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars ($348,500.00) to support EXPO Center’s Youth Job Corps program. This year, EXPO Center will be employing fifty (50) interns. The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, our Program partner, will hire an additional twenty (20) EXPO Center teens to intern at the Museum. In total, seventy (70) teens will have an opportunity to receive a paid internship.

The EXPO Center Youth Job Corps Program is committed to positive youth development by providing healthy alternatives through job and life skills training to teen members at EXPO Center. Program elements include: learning about teamwork, building job skills and a strong work ethic, improving leadership skills, learning tolerance, and developing a sense of responsibility. Interns will participate in and conduct activities in a day camp setting, aquatics, work in the Exposition Park Rose Garden, as well as gain administrative experience. All participants will intern a maximum of two hundred (200) hours and receive a stipend of Eight Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents ($8.25) per hour worked. All participants will intern a maximum of two hundred fifty (250) hours and receive a stipend of Ten Dollars ($10.00) per hour worked.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Acceptance of this donation has no fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Belinda Jackson, Executive Director, EXPO Center.