RECOMMENDATIONS

Accept a donation from the Friends of West Los Angeles, a California 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, consisting of funding in the amount of Three Thousand, Four Hundred Twelve Dollars ($3,412.00), and in-kind contributions and supplies with an estimated value of Two Thousand, Four Hundred Fourteen Dollars ($2,414.00), for an estimated grand total donation of Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars ($5,826.00), in support of the 8th Annual Dream Games to be held on January 14, 2017, as noted in the Summary of this Report; and that appropriate recognition be given to the Friends of West Los Angeles.

SUMMARY

The Friends of West Los Angeles (FOWLA), a California 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, has once again offered the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) a donation valued in total at approximated $5,826.00, for their continued support of the Annual Dream Games event for the benefit and enjoyment of youth from eight Recreation Centers. The 8th Annual Dream Games will take place on January 14, 2017, and will be hosted once again by the Westwood Recreation Complex. The subject donation consists of funding in the amount of $3,412.00, and in-kind contributions, such as t-shirts, boxed lunches, and other program related supplies, estimated in value up to $2,414.00, which are all essential in making the Dream Games a continued success.

The Dream Games is a collaborative event between FOWLA and RAP, consisting of a series of basketball games conducted for youth and their families from various recreation centers. The purpose of these games is to recognize the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by bringing people from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds together for fun and social interaction through basketball. Participating Recreation Centers from distinct parts of the City are invited in an effort to reflect and demonstrate the cultural diversity of Los Angeles, and how residents from neighborhoods who may normally never interact can come together and enjoy a positive event as one community.
The Recreation Centers that will be participating in the 2017 event are: Cypress Recreation Center, Denker Recreation Center, EXPO Center, Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center, Mount Carmel Recreation Center, Queen Anne Recreation Center, Van Ness Recreation Center and Westwood Recreation Complex.

The Assistant General Manager of the Operations Branch and the Superintendent of the Valley Region support the acceptance of the donation and concur with staff's recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Acceptance of this donation results in no direct fiscal impact to the RAP General Fund, as the FOWLA donation will fund 2017 Dream Games expenses.

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