RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept a donation from the Los Angeles Clippers Foundation (LACF), consisting of funding and in-kind supplies in support of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Late Night Hoops Basketball program (Program), with a total estimated value of up to Sixty Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars ($60,594.00), to benefit adults ages eighteen (18) to twenty-five (25), and that appropriate recognition be given to the donor; and,

2. Direct the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to deposit funds received from the LACF for the Program in the amount of Thirty-Five Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars ($35,594.00) into Fund 302, Department 89, Account 89703H, Sub-Account LA, for RAP staff to pay Program related expenses from said sub-account.

SUMMARY

LACF has generously offered to provide RAP with a donation valued up to Sixty Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars ($60,594.00) for support of the Program. The donation consist of in-kind support in the form of uniforms, awards, a Job Fair, and other program related activities with an estimated value of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00). In addition, up to the amount of Thirty-Five Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars ($35,594.00) will be provided to pay for RAP staff security, and other program related expenses.

The Program is a late evening basketball league providing positive alternatives for young adults that promotes non-violence and unity, health and fitness, educational opportunities, employment referral, organized recreation, and cultural activities.
Over the last twenty-eight (28) years, LACF has joined with RAP to work with inner city youth, adults, and families to promote the game of basketball, sportsmanship, and athletics as an alternative to negative influences. Since 1990, this collaboration has resulted in programs such as "Neighborhood Pride", "Pride Jam", "City Wide Basketball Finals", "NBA 2 Ball", "Junior Clippers", and "Late Night Hoops".

The Program started in late March and concludes mid-June, with Championship Game Day Activities that include a Job Fair and a three-point shooting contest. Rancho Cienega Sports Complex has served as the host site, with over one hundred forty (140) young adults participating from Costello, Denker, El Sereno, EXPO Center, Green Meadows, Jim Gilliam, Mount Carmel, Ramon Garcia, Rancho Cienega, Ross Snyder, and Saint Andrews.

The Assistant General Manager of the Recreation Services Branch and the Superintendents support the Program and concur with RAP staff's recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Acceptance of this donation has no fiscal impact to RAP’s General Fund, as LACF is providing funding for the program related expenses.

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