BOARD REPORT

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

NO. 18-184

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SUBJECT: DONATION FROM ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM AT SIX (6) AQUATIC FACILITIES

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept a donation from Engineers and Architects Association (EAA), consisting of youth swimsuits, with a total in kind value of Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars ($4,956.00), in support of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Aquatics Division (Aquatics), and that appropriate recognition be given to EAA.

SUMMARY

EAA is a full-service labor union representing and promoting the interest of professionals in the City of Los Angeles. EAA represents Full Time Aquatic Facility Managers, Aquatic Directors; as well, other classifications within RAP. EAA is a proud supporter of Aquatic Programs and in the past has donated stand-up paddles for our Open Water Junior Lifeguard Program.

As part of RAP's collaborative effort to offer free and low cost access to swimming and learn-to-swim activities for youth through organizations such as Kaiser Permanente, and the LA 84 Foundation, Aquatics received a donation of seven hundred (700) youth swimsuits, with a total in-kind value of Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars ($4,956.00).

The benefit of this donation enabled Aquatics to provide swimsuits to the youth who participated in both the Learn-to-Swim and Team Sports programs in inner city communities of Los Angeles during the summer months. The swimsuits were used as a reward and motivator to encourage youth to take part in the swim programs. The locations of the swimming pools which received swimsuit donations are as follows:

109th Street Pool
Central Pool
Green Meadows Pool
Aquatics staff distributed the swimsuits to the youth during the swim lesson registration period, prior to the beginning of swim classes on a first come, first served basis. Three hundred sixty (360) youth male swimsuits (black trunks) and three hundred forty-eight (348) youth female (colorful one-piece with matching swim shorts) swim suits were handed out. The swimsuits came in a variety of sizes intended to accommodate youth ages 7-14.

As a benefit to EAA, Aquatics allowed EAA to hang banners on-site at the Aquatic Centers that accepted the donation, acknowledging EAA’s support of RAP’s youth swim program and the donation.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Acceptance of this donation results in no impact to RAP’s General Fund.

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