BOARD REPORT

DATE December 18, 2019

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VARIOUS RECREATION CENTERS AND PARKS - DONATION OF KOALA DIAPER CHANGING STATIONS FROM PAMPERS TO BE INSTALLED IN MEN'S RESTROOMS IN THE METRO, VALLEY, AND PACIFIC REGIONS

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Approved X  Disapproved  Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept a donation of one hundred fifty (150) diaper changing stations from Pampers, a Procter and Gamble Company subsidiary (Pampers), to be installed in the men's restrooms at various recreation centers and parks throughout the City;

2. Direct the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) Secretary to appropriately thank and acknowledge Pampers for this generous donation.

SUMMARY:

In 2018, a father by the name of Donte Palmer realized that public restrooms for men lacked the baby diaper changing table accommodations as provided for in women's restrooms. He started a social media movement called #SquatForChange when a photo of him squatting to change a baby diaper in a public restroom circulated rapidly and widely from one internet user to another. Celebrity John Legend and Pampers joined Mr. Palmer in his effort to drive changing table equality after a survey revealed that ninety percent (90%) of fathers have gone into a men's public restroom unable to locate a baby changing station. This discovery prompted the Pampers' "Love the Change" campaign, with a commitment to install 5,000 changing stations in men's public restrooms across North America by Father's Day 2021.

With the assistance of local governments, Pampers has already installed six hundred forty-one (641) diaper changing stations throughout the nation. The City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) is being offered the opportunity to address the inequality in diaper changing stations in men's restrooms and participate in this campaign to provide male park patrons with more access to changing stations around the City. Pampers will provide one hundred
and fifty (150) Koala Kare Baby Changing Stations, Model KB200, valued in total at Thirty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars ($37,500.00) for installation in RAP restrooms. A photo and description of the changing stations being offered is included with this Report as Attachment 1.

The changing stations will be shipped to each region pursuant to logistics coordinated between RAP Construction Services Staff and Pampers. There will be fifty (50) changing stations installed by RAP staff in men’s restrooms in each of our three regions: Metro, Valley, and Pacific. RAP will be required to complete the installation of all 150 changing stations by June 20, 2021 (Father’s Day). Upon installation, RAP will submit before and after photos to Pampers, that they will use in press releases that highlight the locations of installed changing stations, as well as to track the progress of the “Love the Change” campaign. No depictions of the public will be included in the pictures.

RAP staff recommends the Board accepts this generous donation valued at $37,500.00 from Pampers, to enhance the experience of our families as they visit RAP parks, as such is aligned with RAP’s focus to restore and enhance the safety and enjoyment of park patrons in furtherance of the Mayors goal to expand public services.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The acceptance of the donation will impact RAP’s General Fund in the sense that it requires RAP Staff labor and resources to install and maintain the changing stations. However, the required work will be completed alongside routine maintenance schedules over time, commencing upon RAP’s receipt of the initial 50 changing stations and continuing in two (2) subsequent phases for the installation of an additional 50 stations in each phase, through completion prior to June 2021. No direct additional cost to RAP’s maintenance budget(s) will be incurred by the acceptance of the donation.

**STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS**

- **Goal No. 1:** Provide Safe and Accessible Parks
- **Goal No. 3:** Create and Maintain World Class Parks and Facilities
- **Goal No. 6:** Build Financial Strength & Innovative Partnerships

**Outcome No. 3:** In collaboration and coordination with nonprofit organizations and other supporting entities, for the expansion and development of welcoming parks through new partnerships, sponsorship, and donations in support of recreational programming, public services, and enhanced facilities.
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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS

1) Koala Kare Baby Changing Station Model Information
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BABY CHANGING STATIONS Horizontal Wall Mounted

Model Number: KB200

The KB200’s sleek design and color palette matches modern restroom design and décor. The Baby Changing Station is constructed of polypropylene and has a unibody steel chassis for superior strength. The steel-on-steel hinge has greater resistance to wear and improved durability and the gas spring mechanism ensures smooth open and close of the unit. The dual liner cavity with lock minimizes operator refills and discourages potential vandalism. The product includes child protection straps and bag hooks. ASTM and EN compliant. TUV Certification. Meets ADA requirements when mounted properly. Bed surface exclusively contains Microban® antimicrobial, reducing odor causing bacteria. Liner dispenser features two liner cavities. Each cavity holds 25 liners, for a combined total of 50 liners per unit. Constructed with 16% recycled materials; contributes to LEED certified building requirements.

This Baby Changing Station has been tested to support 200 lbs with minimal deflection.

Please note: This product is designed for infants only, up to 3.5 years of age and weighing less than 50 lbs.

Unit Dimensions: 35 3/16” W x 22 1/4” H (899 mm x 565 mm)

Depth (closed): 4” (102 mm)  Extension (open): 23 3/16” (589 mm)

Shipping Weight: 28 lbs