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CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
Department of Recreation and Parks

TO: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Update on Park Advisory Boards

RAP's Park Advisory Boards (PAB) serve as a conduit between RAP Staff and the stakeholders in the community. PABs are not limited to only recreation facilities, year round aquatic facilities, and pocket parks also have PABs. This volunteer assignment of PAB members provides support for the Director in charge, an aquatic director, and/or a maintenance supervisor at RAP facilities. Each PAB has varied goals ranging from assisting with recruiting volunteers, to raising funds for specific equipment or large capital projects, to assisting senior citizens centers with special events, or providing support as needed. PAB members also serve and assist as docents, camp assistants, sports coaches, cultural program instructors, eyes and ears to the neighborhood, etc.

Currently, there are 134 PABs providing support and include 534 members.

- 48 PABs in the Metro Region
- 46 PABs in the Valley/West Region
- 40 PABs in the Pacific Region

Due to the pandemic and full-time staff being assigned to other duties; most facilities have not had regular PAB meetings. However, in the last few months, virtual PAB meetings have become more commonplace. PAB members are still eager and committed to the facilities which they serve. Staff and PAB members continues to follow the established protocols and post upcoming meeting agendas on RAP's website.

**RECRUITMENT:**

PAB members are recruited by advertising at local schools, businesses, the general community, utilizing the local Council Office, Neighborhood Councils, and Homeowner Associations. Many of the members have a vested interest, are part of the facility's programming, or just live near the facility. Current members include Neighborhood Council representatives, parents, teens, programming

beneficiaries, school principals, Homeowner's Associations representatives, and local grass root organizers. Each facility's PAB membership is intended to be represented by all of the different segments of the facility and community, beginning with teens to our mature citizens.

**TRAININGS:**

Staff trainings are held during regular RAP regional meetings and will begin again in the Fall in order to better serve with PABs. PAB President and member meetings are held to bring City-wide awareness and to better prepare PAB members navigate City government intricacies as well as how to properly run a meeting. These meetings will continue and cover topics such as how to request a mural, how to build a master plan; fundraising; and other topics of interest. There are many more topics that Staff is excited to begin discussing in the Fall.

As the Department gets back to normal operations and Staff is back in place, the PABs will begin to regularly meet and work towards our common goals.