

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 05-311

DATE November 16, 2005

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LEIMERT PLAZA - REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE HOURS OF OPERATION

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the modification of the operating hours of Leimert Plaza to open at sunrise and close at sunset; and,
2. Request the City Attorney to prepare and forward to the City Council, an ordinance amending Section 63.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to reflect the modified operating hours of Leimert Plaza.

SUMMARY:

Revising the hours of operation at Leimert Plaza to open at sunrise and close at sunset is part of an overall effort to improve the park. The Plaza underwent extensive renovations in 2000, as a part of an overall community improvement project. During that time, Council District Eight, local merchants, and residents expressed concerns regarding illicit activities occurring at the plaza. Lighting and perimeter bollards were installed to provide additional security. A request was also made by the Council Office to alter the operating hours to help protect the newly improved plaza and ensure public safety. Signs have already been posted to designate the sunrise to sunset operating hours.

Without a change in the ordinance, operating hours are not enforceable. With the Board's approval, and corresponding action by the City Council, operating hours can be enforced through the criminal justice system, providing police officers and Park Rangers with authority to cite for a violation of the ordinance. Council District Eight concurs with this request.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The change in hours will have no impact to the General Fund.

This report was prepared by Debby Rolland, Superintendent, West Region.