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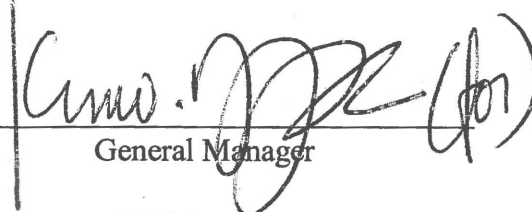
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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY – AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRIENDS OF THE OBSERVATORY TO EXTEND TERM OF AGREEMENT BY ONE YEAR

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Amendment, on file in the Board Office, to the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Friends Of The Observatory to extend the term of the MOU by one (1) year to December 31, 2016, subject to the approval of the Mayor and of the City Attorney as to form.
2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed MOU to the Mayor for approval in accordance with Executive Directive 3, and to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form; and,
3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the MOU, subsequent to receipt of the necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

The City of Los Angeles and Friends Of The Observatory (FOTO) signed a three (3) year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in early 2013 to continue their partnership with regard to support for Griffith Observatory. The term of that MOU (Report No. 12-253) runs from January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2015. Given the ongoing success of the collaboration between the City and FOTO, both parties are interested in negotiating a new MOU. Negotiations for a new MOU will

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not be completed prior to the end date of the current MOU, so it is proposed to extend the term of the existing agreement by one (1) year. The amended end date for the MOU would then be December 31, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Neither this Amendment nor the MOU have any impact on the General Fund, as there is no cost to the Department for its implementation.

This report was prepared by Mark A. Pine, Observatory Deputy Director.