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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board accept a donation from the Friends of West Los Angeles, a California 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, consisting of funding in the amount of Three Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$3,366.00), and in-kind contributions and supplies with an estimated value of Seven Thousand, One Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$7,134.00), for an estimated grand total donation of Ten Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$10,500.00), for the continued support of the 2015 Dream Games hosted by the Westwood Recreation Complex, benefitting youth and their families from twelve (12) recreation centers, as noted in the Summary of this Report, and that appropriate recognition be given to the Friends of West Los Angeles.

## **SUMMARY**:

Friends of West Los Angeles (FOWLA), a California 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, provided the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) with a donation valued at approximately Ten Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$10,500.00), for the continued support of the 2015 Dream Games held in the month of January 2015. The subject

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donation consisted of funding, t-shirts, backpacks, boxed lunches, and other program related supplies necessary to make the Dream Games a continued success. The Dream Games, formerly known as the International Dream Games, is a collaborative event between FOWLA and RAP, consisting of a series of basketball games conducted for youth and their families from various recreation centers. The purpose of these games is to recognize the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by bringing people from diverse ethnic, socioeconomic and religious backgrounds together for fun and social interaction through basketball. Participating recreation centers are selected from distinct parts of the city to reflect the cultural diversity of Los Angeles.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dream Games took place on January 17, 2015, and was hosted by the Westwood Recreation Complex. Participating recreation centers included: Westwood Recreation Complex, Banning Recreation Center, Chevy Chase Recreation Center, Lou Costello Jr. Recreation Center (Hostetter Park), Cypress Recreation Center, Echo Park, EXPO Center, Highland Recreation Center, Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Recreation Center, Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center, Normandale Recreation Center, and Pan Pacific Recreation Center.

The Assistant General Manager of the Operations Branch and the Superintendent of the Valley Region support acceptance of the donation and concur with staff's recommendation.

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of this donation results in no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund as FOWLA will fully fund the entire cost of the Dream Games up to \$10,500.00 in program related expenses.

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