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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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SUBJECT: BEVERLY POCKET PARK – PROPOSED NAMING OF PARK AS “UNIDAD PARK” AND INSTALLATION OF APPROPRIATE PARK SIGNAGE

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Name Beverly Pocket Park “Unidad Park”; and,
2. Authorize the installation of appropriate park signage, to be funded by the Anna H. Bing Living Trust.

SUMMARY:

Beverly Pocket Park is located at 1644-48 Beverly Boulevard and serves the Westlake community of the City. This facility is a 0.32 acre park which includes a children’s play area, community gardens, walking paths, drinking fountain, picnic tables, benches, perimeter metal fencing, security lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Acquisition of the land and construction of the project was fully funded by a testamentary gift from the Anna H. Bing Living Trust, which will also fund the park signage. The park is maintained and operated by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT). Currently, classes in kung fu, aerobics, and art are conducted at the park.

LANLT contacted the Department with a request to rename Beverly Park to Unidad Park. The name Beverly Pocket Park was never officially assigned by the Department, but rather used as a placeholder based on the park’s geographic location. The name Unidad Park was proposed by community members who participated in community meetings and this name is supported by the 13th District Council Office. The residents support the name Unidad Park as it represents a

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united community with large Latino and Filipino cultures. “Unidad” is not an actual Tagalog (most spoken Philippine language) word, but many in the Filipino community would be familiar with the meaning.

On October 7, 2008, Department staff facilitated a community meeting to discuss the proposed name change. The attending community members were unanimously in support of the proposed name, Unidad Park.

Staff has determined that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article VII, Section 1, Class 11(1) of the City CEQA Guidelines, which provides for the placement of signs on park property as accessory structures to the recreational facilities.

Council District 13 and the Superintendent of Metro Region are in support of the recommendations set forth by the Department in this report.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this project will not have any fiscal impact on the Department’s General Fund, as the cost of the signage will be funded from the Anna H. Bing Living Trust as an improvement to the park.

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