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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 09-005

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SUBJECT: APPLICATION OF CONTINUED FUNDING FROM CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR 2009-2010 GENERAL CHILD CARE AT JIM GILLIAM CHILD CARE CENTER AND EXTENDED DAY CARE (LATCHKEY) AT VARIOUS FACILITIES

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the submission of an application to the California Department of Education for continued funding for Fiscal Year 2009-10 of the General Child Care (\$216,454) at Jim Gilliam Child Care Center and Extended Day Care (Latchkey) Programs (\$477,694) at various facilities;
2. Authorize the General Manager to represent the City and execute the corresponding grant agreement, and any subsequent amendments thereto, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended, on behalf of the City, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney; and
3. Direct staff to transmit the application and agreement to the Mayor.

SUMMARY:

The Department is a current recipient of California Department of Education (CDE) General Childcare Program Funds, which provide grant monies to the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center for its subsidized pre-school program. The Program is the Department's first licensed pre-school program and serves children of families with incomes at or below the 75 percent State median income level. Since January of 1996, the Department has received CDE funds to operate the child care services at this facility. Prior to the CDE subsidy, many parents could only afford to

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enroll their children for a portion of the day. The center is licensed by the State to serve 45 children from three to five years of age, and is currently operating at full capacity. The grant funded program at Jim Gilliam Child Care Center makes it possible for children to remain at the center all day.

The Department is also a current recipient of Latchkey Program grant funds which are utilized for subsidized after school child care services at the following seven licensed Department child care centers: Baldwin Hills, Echo Park, Eagle Rock, Evergreen, Loren Miller, South Park, and Hubert Humphrey. Since 1986, the Department has used these grant funds to subsidize latchkey services to children of families with incomes at or below the 75 percent State median income level. This grant will continue to require 50 percent of the program's participants to pay full or partial fees to match the 50 percent subsidized participants.

The Department expects to receive notification of funding in June 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Without these funds, the Department loses the ability to offer participants subsidized child care. The grant will continue to require 50% of the program's participants to pay full or partial fees to match the 50% subsidized participants. They do not require a Department match and thus, present no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund.

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