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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 10-009

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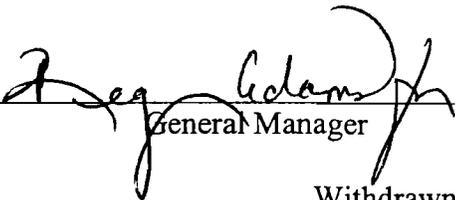
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SUBJECT: OPERATIONS EAST - EXPO CENTER - DONATION OF EQUIPMENT
FROM THE FRIENDS OF EXPO CENTER TO MAINTAIN SOBOROFF
SPORTS FIELD

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accept the following donation and that appropriate recognition be given to the donor.

SUMMARY:

Operations East, EXPO Center has received a donation of equipment, valued at \$11,659, from the Friends of EXPO Center (the Friends), to maintain Soboroff Sports Field, a state-of-the-art multiuse sports field located on Menlo Avenue, across the street from the Roy A. Anderson Recreation Center.

Originally named Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center, Inc., the Friends was established as a non-profit organization in 1998 to develop the site of the 1932 Los Angeles Swim Stadium and construct a state-of-the-art recreational and community center. Through a unique partnership with the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks, the Friends utilized a combination of \$30 million in public and private funding to build EXPO Center. Private sector funders included The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, The Ahmanson Foundation, Weingart Foundation, LA 84 Foundation, W.M. Keck Foundation, Wells Fargo Bank Foundation, and Capital Group Companies. Today, a 30-member volunteer Board comprised of community and business leaders continues to provide strategic support and financial assistance to EXPO Center.

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The Friends raised over \$6 million to build the synthetic turf field which will accommodate a variety of field sports and recreational activities year round. The Gift Agreement for the sports field donation was approved by the Commission on November 19, 2008 (Report No. 08-319). In order to ensure that the field is maintained at the highest possible level, the Friends has purchased the following maintenance equipment and donated it to EXPO Center: one John Deere Gator Utility Vehicle, one Gas Leaf Blower, one Field Groomer, one Pressure Washer, and one Park Sweeper.

We will request that the General Services Division (GSD) maintain this equipment pursuant to GSD's duty to repair and maintain City equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of this donation results in no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund, and will save the Department the full amount of these purchases as they are necessary for the proper maintenance of Soboroff Sports Field.

Report prepared by Belinda Jackson, Executive Director, EXPO Center.