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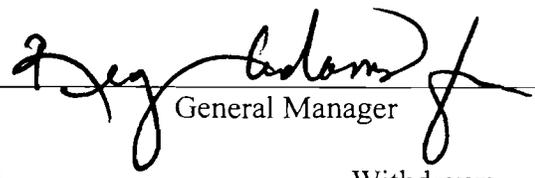
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SUBJECT: RUNYON CANYON PARK – EARLY CLOSURE DURING THE 2011 INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve a temporary modification of the operating hours of Runyon Canyon Park to close at 5:00 p.m. on July 1, 2, 3, and 4, 2011.

SUMMARY:

Independence Day weekend brings a number of fireworks displays to the skies over Los Angeles to celebrate America's independence. The City's parks, such as Runyon Canyon, are popular fireworks viewing areas where many people gather to view the fireworks displays. However, there is also the potential that people who gather to view legal fireworks displays can bring with them and discharge illegal fireworks.

Illegal fireworks pose a potential fire risk to the various hillsides and brush areas throughout the City, including Runyon Canyon. Due to the risk that these fireworks pose to the hillsides, it is imperative to ensure that the public is safe from any potential fire danger. The Office of Public Safety (OPS) has recommended that Runyon Canyon be closed early during the Independence Day weekend (July 1, 2, 3, and 4). Runyon Canyon's current hours of operation are from dawn until dusk, but during the July 4 weekend, OPS recommends that the park close at 5:00 p.m. Park Rangers, OPS, and the Los Angeles Police Department are planning to have units available to perform this early closure and to perform extra patrols until all fire danger from possible fireworks has subsided.

Council District 4, Region Operations Staff and Maintenance Staff concur with the OPS recommendation to temporarily modify the hours of operation at Runyon Canyon Park to close at 5:00 p.m. during the 2011 Independence Day weekend.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This temporary change in hours of operation for Runyon Canyon Park may result in some accumulated overtime for Park Rangers, but will have no other fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund.

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