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NO. 12-231

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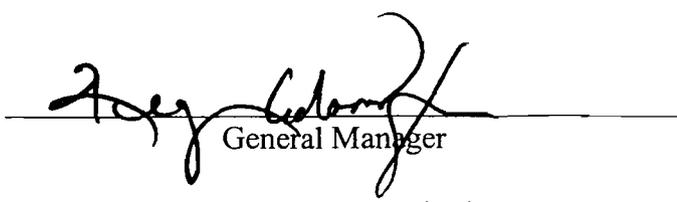
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SUBJECT: BEST BUY COMMUNITY RELATIONS GRANT – RETROACTIVE
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; ACCEPTANCE OF
GRANT

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively approve the Department of Recreation and Parks' (Department) submission of a Best Buy Community Relations grant application to provide funding for the Computer Access Network (CAN) Coach Volunteer Program at sites within East and South Los Angeles in an amount up to \$10,000, subject to Mayor and the City Council approval;
2. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant proposal to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council consideration, pursuant to the Administrative Code Section 14.6(b) as may be amended;
3. Authorize the Department's General Manager to accept and receive the Best Buy Community Relations Grant, if awarded, in an amount up to \$10,000 from Best Buy to assist the CAN Coach Volunteer Program at sites within East and South Los Angeles, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
4. Designate the Department's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project(s); and,

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5. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Best Buy Community Relations Grant in an amount up to \$10,000, if awarded.

SUMMARY:

In June of 2012, the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) discovered a potential funding opportunity through the Best Buy Community Relations Grant Program. The purpose of the Best Buy Community Relations Grant is to support programs that help teens to build skills that are critical to their futures, to society as a whole, and that provide them access to technological opportunities during out of school time to help them excel in school.

With funding from a Weingart Foundation grant, the Department established and is currently administering the CAN Coach Volunteer Program as a pilot program at Department Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) Centers at the Costello Recreation Center, Cypress Recreation Center, Rancho Cienega Recreation Center, South Park Recreation Center and Van Ness Recreation Center. The pilot program is designed to help sustain and expand its ability to increase learning opportunities for those in the community, who need computer access and basic, high-quality, computer literacy training, by training community volunteers to become computer technology coaches. The Best Buy grant would allow the Department to continue the pilot program while providing technological and leadership skills to youth 13-18 years of age. The youth would become computer lab leaders providing assistance to community members as well as monitoring and tracking computer lab operations during out of school hours.

The Department is requesting \$10,000 in funding to recruit teens to become CAN Coach Volunteers at the Department's BTOP centers located within the East and South Los Angeles areas. The grant application was due by July 1, 2012, and submitted on June 28, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

If awarded, the grant would have no fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Mark Rose, Facility Director, Grants Administration.