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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 12-168

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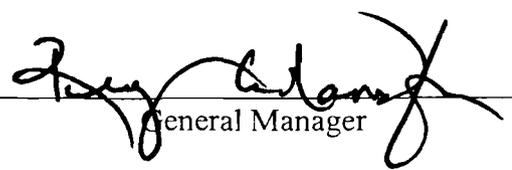
SUBJECT: EXPO CENTER – CITY OF LOS ANGELES HIRE L.A.’S YOUTH PROGRAM FUNDED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER BERNARD C. PARKS’ GENERAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT TRAINING AND WORK EXPERIENCE FOR 100 YOUTH

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Accept with gratitude funds in the amount of \$32,605 from the City of Los Angeles, Community Development Department (CDD) to cover program costs as part of a job training and a work experience program (Program) at EXPO Center benefiting the youth living in Council District 8 (CD 8), and that appropriate recognition be given to the donor; and,
2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to appropriate funding received from CDD in the amount of \$32,605 to Fund 205 Dept 88 Account TBD.

SUMMARY:

The Office of Councilmember Bernard C. Parks, CD 8 has allocated its discretionary general funds in the amount of \$200,000, to be managed by CDD through the Southeast LA-Crenshaw WorkSource Center (WorkSource Center), a contracted vendor of CDD, to implement a job training and work experience program during the spring of 2012 for 100 deserving youth, ages 14-21. The \$32,605 will be used to cover Program costs, including staffing, supplies and a nutrition component. The Program will consist of nine weeks of on-job training and job readiness workshops. The goal of the Program is to provide hands-on job training experiences that will foster growth and increase knowledge in the following areas: character development, accountability and responsibility, career exploration, pursuit of higher education, and planning and goal setting. The

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Program will begin on or about May 1, 2012 and will end on or about June 30, 2012 with a culmination ceremony where participants will receive certificates of completion from Councilmember Parks.

All youth participants will be required to complete 140 hours of training/work experience, and will be compensated at a rate of \$8.25 per hour through the WorkSource Center. Participants will be recruited from the following sites: EXPO Center, Algin Sutton Recreation Center and M.L. King Jr. Therapeutic Recreation Center. Work experience and training opportunities include:

- Afterschool Enrichment Program
- Counselor In Training
- Youth Orchestra Afterschool Enrichment Program
- Lifeguard Training
- Child Care (Preschool)
- Special Park Assistant (SPA Maintenance, Rose Garden)

Participants will have an opportunity to apply school-based learning to real-life work experiences and to acquire marketable skills and computer training that will be transferable to future employment considerations. The Program demonstrates to youth how relevant education is to career and professional growth. The Program is intended to inspire youth to continue their education. Youth will develop a healthy work ethic, build personal confidence and leadership skills; learn effective communication, team building, and conflict resolution skills. Each participant will be given a pre-evaluation and post-evaluation that will measure their skills, abilities, interests, and achievements. All participants will receive a written evaluation at the end of the program.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of these funds has no fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Belinda Jackson, Executive Director, EXPO Center.