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**SUBJECT: RANCHO CIENEGA SPORTS COMPLEX – GIFT AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS FOUNDATION (FORMERLY DODGERS DREAM FOUNDATION, INC.), LA84 FOUNDATION AND CONSOLIDATED DISPOSAL SERVICE, L.L.C. (REPUBLIC SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES), FOR THE INSTALLATION OF BASEBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS AT RANCHO CIENEGA SPORTS COMPLEX**

R. Adams	_____	*V. Israel	_____
R. Barajas	_____	K. Regan	_____
H. Fujita	_____	N. Williams	_____

*M. [Signature]*  
General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Accept a gift from The Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation, Inc. (LADF), formally the Dodgers Dream Foundation (DDF), LA84 Foundation (LA84), and Consolidated Disposal Service, L.L.C., dba Republic Services of Los Angeles (Republic), consisting of baseball field improvements with an estimated value of up to One Hundred Eighty Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$180,173.00), installed at Rancho Cienega Sports Complex;
2. Approve the proposed Agreement, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the City of Los Angeles (City), LADF, LA84, and Republic, stipulating the terms and conditions for the acceptance of field improvements at two (2) existing baseball fields (Fields) at Rancho Cienega Sports Complex, pursuant to design specifications approved by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch (PCM), subject to the approval of the Mayor and the City Attorney as to form;
3. Approve a deviation from the Board’s Sponsorship Recognition Policy for the recognition signage included in said design specifications, subject to post-development inspections by PCM;
4. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed Agreement to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, and concurrently to the City Attorney for review and

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approval as to form; and,

5. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Agreement, upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

### SUMMARY:

LADF, DDF, and LA84 Foundation have been long-time supporters of RAP, through capital funding provided for facility improvements as well as monetary contributions to support RAP recreation programs. On December 8, 2010, the Board approved an agreement between the City, DDF, which is now LADF, and LA84 for the installation and replacement of baseball field amenities at eight (8) park sites (Report No. 10-328). The Board subsequently approved two (2) amendments to that agreement on April 4, 2012 (Report No. 12-104) and on February 20, 2013 (Report No. 13-055), authorizing DDF and LA84 to install baseball field improvements at five (5) additional park sites; two (2) under the first amendment and three (3) under the second amendment.

Since then, as of June 27, 2013, the DDF has filed required documents with the California Secretary of State to transition the DDF into the LADF, a nonprofit public benefit organization comprised of the same board members and identical mission as the DDF. LADF and LA84 have partnered with Consolidated Disposal Services L.L.C., dba Republic Services of Los Angeles (Republic), an integrated waste management and recycling services company headquartered and incorporated in the State of Delaware, with offices in Arizona and California, to further the LADF and LA84 objective of improving recreation facilities and providing enhanced recreational opportunities for the benefit of youth in the Los Angeles Region.

The proposed agreement with the LADF, LA84 and Republic, collectively "Donors", provides baseball field improvements for two (2) of the existing four (4) baseball fields at RAP's Rancho Cienega Sports Complex, located at 5001 Rodeo Road in Council District 10; refurbishing the two (2) fields into Dodger Dream Fields in accordance with plans, specifications, and designs approved by RAP's PCM. A project description with estimated costs is attached to the Agreement as Exhibit-A. In addition, Exhibit-B of the Agreement is a rendering of the proposed scoreboard design approved by PCM, which includes recognition signage displaying the corporate logos and/or names of the Donors with a message to thank, acknowledge, and recognize the Donors for their contributions. Such signage is a slight deviation from the Board approved Sponsorship Recognition Policy (Report No. 13-160) in that due to Donor project timing requirements, the signage was installed prior to the Board's approval (Policy Section 3.a. and b., Section 4f (i) and (ii)). However, the scoreboard signage does keep within the spirit of the Policy and is consistent with prior Donor signage installed at other Dream Field sites.

As stated above, the LADF, formerly DDF, LA84 and RAP have successfully collaborated on several prior park improvement projects for the enhancement of sports programming and recreational

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opportunities for the benefit and enjoyment of the children of Los Angeles. LA84 has previously funded alone, or has collaborated with other partners, in various park improvement projects such as the development of synthetic turf soccer and multipurpose fields, skate plazas, synthetic multi-sport courts, resurfacing of indoor and outdoor basketball courts and pool improvements, in addition to providing programming support at various RAP facilities. LADF with support from LA84 and other partners has successfully constructed twenty-one (21) Dodger Dream Fields at various RAP sites. Now with additional support from Republic, the installation of Dream Field improvements at the two (2) Rancho Cienega fields increases the total number of Dream Fields at RAP park sites to twenty-three (23) fields. The two (2) Rancho Cienega fields were dedicated to the City of Los Angeles on September 28, 2013.

Consistent with previously approved Dream Field projects, the Rancho Cienega field improvements consist of the installation of new fencing, renovation of irrigation systems, turf renovation and overseeding, and the installation of new scoreboards and signage. The total cost of the field improvements was estimated up to One Hundred Eighty Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-three Dollars (\$180,173.00). LADF contributed Ninety-Eight Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$98,173.00); Republic contributed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00); and LA84 Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00). The Donors contracted directly with Landmark Sports, Inc. (Landmark), who is the contractor used to complete prior RAP Dream Field projects. The Donors agreed to donate the completed field improvements to RAP as a gift to the City.

The installation of the field improvements was co-managed by Landmark and PCM. All project related invoice payments to Landmark were paid directly by the Donors. Due to Donor timing requirements for the completion of the field improvements, and pursuant to the approved plans and specifications, PCM issued the contractors and subcontractors selected by Landmark a Right Of Entry Permit (ROE) authorizing their access to the project site for the installation of the field improvements prior to execution of the proposed agreement. During installation, PCM and RAP Region staff were on-site to provide support, direction, and guidance as necessary to ensure that the project was completed in accordance with RAP standards and RAP policies. The proposed agreement had not been brought before the Board for approval at an earlier date, due to ongoing discussions among the parties regarding certain language and requested clarifications, as well as other delays caused by the unavailability of representatives at separate times. All parties are now in concurrence with the document currently before the Board.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Staff has determined that this project consists of an agreement between RAP, LA84, LADF, and Republic, to accept baseball field improvements at Rancho Cienega Sports Complex. The project involves the improvement of existing facilities and the installation of accessory structures at an established public park. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1a, Class 1, Category 14 and

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Section 1k, Class 11, Category(s) 3 and 6 of the City CEQA Guidelines.

The Assistant General Manager of the Operations Branch and the Superintendent of the Pacific Region are aware of the project, and each supports the project and concurs with staff's recommendations pursuant to PCM's approval of the project plans and specifications.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This project will not have any fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund as the costs of the improvements have been funded and installed entirely through monetary contributions provided by the Donors, through direct payments to Landmark. Future maintenance of the improved Fields will be addressed through RAP's normal budgeting process as this is an existing facility with an existing annual maintenance budget.

This report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst, Partnership Division.