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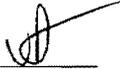
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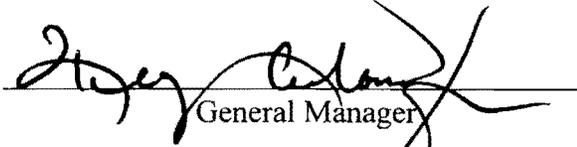
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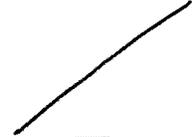
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: DAVID M. GONZALES RECREATION CENTER – DONATION FROM THE PACOIMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE PACOIMA BOXING PROGRAM

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 General Manager

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Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accepts a donation from the Pacoima Neighborhood Council in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be applied towards the purchase of new boxing equipment for the Pacoima Boxing Program at David M. Gonzales Recreation Center and that appropriate recognition is given to the donor.

SUMMARY:

The Pacoima Boxing Program at David M. Gonzales Recreation Center is a very popular boxing program serving youth and adults throughout the city. Although a valuable resource in the Pacoima community, Pacoima Boxing attracts people from all over Southern California who come to spar, train, and compete because the Pacoima Boxing program is known for its excellent sparring talent and experienced, seasoned boxing instructors. This Program is open to all, eight years old and above, who are serious about boxing whether a novice, amateur, or professional. Most importantly however, is that this program invites the community to participate, boasting a membership of over 200 participants including boys and girls finding constructive outlets for their energy and opportunities to build relationships with caring adults through boxing and general exercise, thereby avoiding negative activity in their neighborhood. The youth who enter the Pacoima Boxing Program are more likely to finish high school. Other participants have gone on to star in movies including The Fighter and a TV reality show, The Contender. Another one of the former Program participants received a boxing scholarship to Michigan University.

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Unfortunately, many families in Pacoima may not have the financial resources to pay private-gym level fees for this activity. The Pacoima Boxing Program provides similar activities at a much lesser cost. A monthly \$20.00 participant fee is used to help pay for the Program's three (3) boxing instructors. Most participants from the Pacoima area cannot afford to pay more. At the same time because of the high demand, this Program's equipment consistently "takes a beating" often requiring repair and replacement with no resources available to meet that need. In response, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) sought out sponsorships to help replace depleted equipment and allow for the continued operation of an important community resource.

RAP received support from the Pacoima Neighborhood Council. On January 6, 2014, a transfer of \$1,000.00 was posted into the David M. Gonzales Recreation Center's Municipal Recreation Program account from the Pacoima Neighborhood Council. This donation permits the community of David M. Gonzales Recreation Center to continue healthy lifestyle opportunities through boxing. Staff recommends acceptance of this donation, and that the Pacoima Neighborhood Council receive appropriate recognition.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of this donation results in no fiscal impact to the RAP's General Fund, except unknown savings, as this donation offsets some expenditures for equipment.

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