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2. Direct the Board Secretary to concurrently transmit the proposed MOU to the Mayor, in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, and to the City Attorney for review as to form;
3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the MOU upon receipt of the necessary approvals; and,
4. Direct the Chief Accounting Employee to create one or more subaccount(s) in Fund 302 Department 89, for deposit of cost recovery reimbursement fee payments received from the Organization, related to utilities, solid waste disposal and staff impacts.

SUMMARY:

Angels Gate Park (Park) is located at 3601 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro. The park was formerly a military base under the ownership of the United States Federal Government, which was transferred to the City of Los Angeles for public park purposes in 1979. The park contains numerous buildings and facilities currently occupied by various groups and organizations, one of which is the Korean Friendship Bell Preservation Committee.

The Korean Bell of Friendship (more commonly referred to as the "Korean Friendship Bell") is a massive bronze bell housed at the Park in a decorative pavilion (Bell Pavilion), made of stone, wood and tile. The Korean Friendship Bell (Bell) was presented as a gift by the Republic of Korea to the American people on October 3, 1976, to celebrate the bicentennial of the United States of America and symbolize the friendship between the two nations. The Bell is struck six times per year: on New Year's Eve; Children's Day (May 5); Korean American Day (January 13), Independence Day (July 4), Korean Liberation Day (August 15), and every September in celebration of Constitution Week.

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The Organization's primary focus is to promote goodwill and friendship between the United States of America and the Republic of Korea, assist with the facilitation of programs and activities at the Bell, and perform any needed preservation, repair, and/or restoration of the Bell and Bell Pavilion. A current list of the Organization's Board Members is attached as Attachment A. In 2013-14, the Organization raised over \$360,000.00 to refurbish the Bell's belfry and bell link, which was reviewed and authorized by Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) through issuance of a Right of Entry Permit and performed by licensed contractors certified with such expertise.

Through the proposed MOU, the Organization will continue to assist RAP in improving, expanding and enhancing the historical, recreational, and educational opportunities at the Park, including the preservation, repair, and restoration of the Bell and Bell Pavilion, for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public. Staff and the Organization have mutually agreed to the terms and conditions of the proposed three (3) year MOU, authorizing the Organization's use of designated facilities at the Park and stipulating the terms and conditions under which the Organization will continue to provide RAP with said assistance in the future.

The Assistant General Manager of Operations Branch, the Superintendent of the Pacific Region, and the Office of the Fifteenth Council District are aware of the proposed MOU, and each supports the MOU and concurs with staff's recommendations.

Staff has determined that the execution of the proposed MOU consists of the operation and programming of an existing park facility involving negligible or no expansion of use and, therefore, is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1 (14) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed MOU will have no adverse impact on RAP's General Fund as program costs

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associated with the organization's occupancy and use of the facilities, will be paid for by the organization at no cost to the City.

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

## Attachment A

### Korean Friendship Bell Preservation Committee Board of Directors

As of December 2014

1. Dr. Benjamin B. Lee (Chair) -- Doctor of Oriental Medicine, Former Vice Chair of the National Unification Advisory Council, Los Angeles
2. Mr. Jay S. Park (President) -- Insurance Executive, Community Volunteer
3. Mr. Ernest Lee (Secretary General / Executive Director) -- Business Executive & Entrepreneur, Community Volunteer
4. Mr. Chris Jun (Treasurer) -- Finance Executive, Community Volunteer
5. Dr. Hahk Bong Yang (Sr. Vice President) -- Doctor of Oriental Medicine, Former President of Korean American Heritage Foundation
6. Ms. Jung Hae Kim (Vice President - Education) -- Principal, Wilton Elementary School, LAUSD
7. Mr. Joseph Jin (Vice President - Volunteer Programs) -- Entrepreneur, Former Educator, President of Olympic Lions Club, Los Angeles
8. Mr. Dong Won Ko, CPA (Auditor) -- CPA, Community Volunteer
9. Fr. John Dongjin Kim -- Priest, St. Andrews Anglican Church
10. Ms. Eun Jung Jang -- Executive Director, Korean American Foundation
11. Mr. Joshua Kang -- Event Planner
12. Dr. Soon Gil Cho -- Doctor of Oriental Medicine, Community Volunteer
13. Mr. Yong Seob Kwon -- Renowned Painter & Educator
14. Mr. Hyung Joong Kim -- Insurance Executive
15. Ms. Elizabeth Lee -- Retired Teacher