



REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-116

DATE June 18, 2015

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: EXPO CENTER – DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF EXPO CENTER FOR SUMMER YOUTH JOB CORPS PROGRAM

R. Adams _____
H. Fujita _____
V. Israel _____

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M. Shull _____
N. Williams _____

General Manager

Approved

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Accept the following donation for the Summer Youth Job Corps program from the Friends of EXPO Center in the amount of Forty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$49,500.00), and give appropriate recognition to the donor;
2. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to approve, encumber and disburse stipend payments to participants of the program from funds deposited in Fund 302, Department 89, EXPO (EPICC) Donation Account 89837M, sub-account PG and in Fund 301, Department 88, EXPO Aquatics Municipal Recreation Program (MRP) Account 88060M, sub-account MRPXX752;
3. Grant retroactive approval to begin this program and pay the interns for work performed prior to the approval of this Report;
4. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical correction as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY:

The Friends of EXPO Center was established as a 501 (c) organization in 1998 to develop the site of the 1932 Los Angeles Swim Stadium and construct a state-of-the-art recreational and

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community center. Today, a thirty-two (32) member volunteer boards comprised of community and business leaders continue to provide strategic support and fiscal assistance to EXPO Center. EXPO Center will receive Forty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$49,500.00) for the EXPO Center Summer Youth Job Corps program. The funds will be deposited into the EXPO (EPICC) Donation Account 837M/PG. The funds will be used for the sole purpose of paying stipends to the thirty (30) interns who participate in the program. In addition, ten (10) Aquatics Summer Youth Job Corps interns will be paid stipends from program donations already deposited in the EXPO Aquatics MRP Account 752.

The Friends of EXPO Center have supported this program for six (6) years donating a total of Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousands Dollars (\$297,000.00) to support EXPO Center's Summer Youth Job Corps program. This year, EXPO Center will be employing fifty (50) interns. The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, a program partner, will hire an additional twenty (20) EXPO Center teens to intern at the museum during the summer. In total, seventy (70) teens will have an opportunity to receive a paid internship.

The EXPO Center Summer Youth Job Corps Program is committed to positive youth development by providing healthy alternatives through job and life skills training to teen members at EXPO Center. Program elements include: learning about teamwork, building job skills and a strong work ethic, improving leadership skills, learning tolerance of others, and developing a sense of responsibility. Interns will participate in and conduct activities in a day camp setting, aquatics, work in the Exposition Park Rose Garden, as well as gain administrative experience. All participants will work a maximum of two hundred (200) hours and receive a stipend of Eight Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$8.25) per hour worked.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of this donation has no fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund.

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