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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VENICE BEACH RECREATION CENTER - DONATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES POLICE FOUNDATION THROUGH A CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION FROM SAMSUNG TECHWIN AMERICA, INC., CONSISTING OF TWENTY (20) VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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General Manager

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Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) That the Board accept as a gift to the City of Los Angeles from the Los Angeles Police Foundation (Foundation), through a charitable contribution from Samsung Techwin America, Inc. (Donor) to the Foundation, consisting of twenty (20) fixed, 360-degree and pan-tilt-zoom cameras and associated hardware, valued at \$50,000.00, installed at various locations near and along Ocean Front Walk at Venice Beach, and that appropriate recognition be given to the Donor; and,
- 2) Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

SUMMARY:

Through a donation by Samsung Techwin America, Inc. to the Los Angeles Police Foundation, in support of the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) video camera installation efforts at Venice Beach, RAP has been provided a gift consisting of twenty (20) fixed, 360-degree and pan-tilt-zoom cameras and associated hardware for a video surveillance and recording system to monitor and record video of various public areas and locations near Ocean Front Walk at Venice Beach, located at 1800 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, California 90291, in Council District Eleven (CD-11).

For some time, the community of Venice and the Venice Beach Recreation Center have had concerns regarding their personal security while visiting and working at Venice Beach, respectively, due to crime and unwanted activity perpetrated by unlawful individuals and groups. In an effort to address these concerns and attempt to deter crime, and assist the Los Angeles

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Police Department (LAPD) in their response to crime incidents, RAP implemented a video surveillance system installation project along Ocean Front Walk at Venice Beach (Public Safety Camera Project PRJ20875). In support of the RAP project, the Los Angeles Police Foundation (Foundation) received a donation of video cameras from Samsung Techwin America, Inc. (Donor), which reduces costs associated with the surveillance system project, including the related installation of video cameras in and around areas of Ocean Front Walk at Venice Beach.

The Donor's contribution to the surveillance system project consists of twenty (20) fixed, 360-degree and pan-tilt-zoom video cameras and associated hardware, valued at \$50,000.00, which were installed by Leverage Information Systems, Inc. (Leverage), a private licensed contractor chosen by RAP, as approved by the Board, through RAP's use of a City of Corona contract with Leverage (Report No. 15-068, approved April 1, 2015). Leverage performed the project and installed the donated cameras in coordination with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Office of CD-11, and the RAP Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch (PCM). The cameras were installed near and along Ocean Front Walk at the following locations:

Two (2) pole mounted intersection camera locations:

- Pacific and Brooks Ct.
- Pacific and Westminster Avenue

Building mounted equipment locations, most of which are privately owned:

- VBS near Westminster and Ocean Front Walk (3 cameras)
- 2 Breezeway Avenue Building (2 cameras)
- Venice Beach Police Sub Station (2 cameras)
- 1101 Ocean Front Walk Building
- VBN near Brooks Avenue and Ocean Front Walk (3 cameras)
- Good See Optical Lab Building
- 615 Speedway Building (2 cameras)
- 1211 Ocean Front Walk Building (2 cameras)
- Danny's Restaurant Building (2 cameras)

The Venice Beach Police substation and the Pacific Division Police Station will now be able to view and respond to incidents along Ocean Front Walk more effectively than they could before the cameras were installed, with video recording equipment housed at both LAPD stations. The Venice video surveillance system installation project was implemented by RAP in coordination with the LAPD, CD-11, and various community stakeholders.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Staff has determined that the Project consists of installation of new equipment for security and public safety involving negligible or no expansion of use, which is supported by the donation of the cameras. Therefore, the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California

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Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(4) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of this gift has no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund, as the twenty (20) video cameras were provided by the Donor through the donation to the Foundation. Report No. 15-068, approved by the Board on April 1, 2015, provides detail of the Venice video surveillance system project (PRJ20875) costs and funding sources which reflect the project savings provided through the subject donation from Samsung to the Foundation.

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