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**BOARD OF RECREATION
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BOARD REPORT

NO. 18-183

DATE September 5, 2018

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SUBJECT: **EXPO CENTER – DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF EXPO CENTER FOR YOUTH JOB CORPS PROGRAM 2018**

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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept a donation in the amount of Sixty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$67,200.00) from the Friends of EXPO Center for EXPO Center's Youth Job Corps Program 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,
3. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY:

The Friends of EXPO Center was established as a 501(c) non-profit organization in 1998 to develop the site of the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Swimming Stadium and construct a state-of-the-art recreational and community center. Today, a thirty-two (32) member volunteer board comprised of community and business leaders continues to provide strategic support and fiscal assistance to EXPO Center. EXPO Center will receive Sixty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$67,200.00) for the EXPO Center Youth Job Corps program. The funds will be deposited into the EXPO (EPICC) Donation Account 837M/PG. The funds will be used for the purpose of paying stipends to interns who participate in the program.

The Friends of EXPO Center has supported this program for eight years, donating a total of Four Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Two Dollars (\$465,200.00) to support EXPO Center's Youth Job Corps program. This year, EXPO Center will be hosting thirty-six (36) interns. Program partners The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County will host twenty (20) interns, California African American Museum will host two (2) interns, Office of Exposition Park Management will host one (1) intern, and the Community Service Unlimited will also host one (1) intern. In total, sixty (60) teens will have an opportunity to receive a paid internship.

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The EXPO Center 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 and conduct activities in a day camp setting, aquatics, work in the Exposition Park Rose Garden, as well as gain administrative experience. Participants will intern a maximum of one hundred sixty (160) hours and receive a stipend of Ten Dollars Fifty Cents (\$10.50) per hour of interning.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

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

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