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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 20-059

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SUBJECT: FIFTH ANNUAL CUTS IN THE PARK EVENT AT GLADYS PARK: DONATION OF SERVICES AND ITEMS FROM KHLOE KARES

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Accept the donation from Khloe Kares of hygiene kits, haircuts, facials and shoes valued at \$25,000, as part of the 5th Annual Cuts in the Park event at Gladys Park and as noted in the Summary of this report and direct that appropriate recognition be given to the donor.

SUMMARY

Khloe Thompson is the founder of a community based non-profit organization, Khloe Kares, whose mission is to inspire other kids to be great and to make their mark on this earth.

Ms. Thompson started helping her community at eight years old after she noticed a woman living on the street in her neighborhood, and has been passionately helping the homeless ever since. At the tender age of 11 she now aspires to motivate other youth to get involved, give back to their communities and spread the power of love to all those who need it. Ms. Thompson has dedicated the last 3 years to serving her community by distributing her homemade "Kare bags" filled with essential toiletries to homeless citizens as part of the Khloe Kares Project. Ms. Thompson has received over 40 service awards for her commitment to helping the less fortunate, such as; Gofundme - The Gives Back Award, Barron's prize for young heroes and an award of service from Edward Royce a Member of Congress from the 39th district, just to name a few.

On March 1, 2020 Khloe Kares partnered with the Department of Recreation and Parks to host the Fifth Annual Cuts in the Park event at Gladys Park. Khloe Kares provided much needed resources and services to over 300 members of the skid row community such as: hygiene kits, haircuts, facials and shoes. The monetary assessment of services and items provided is valued at \$25,000. Khloe Kares has demonstrated the best example of aligning with RAP's mission.

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STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 7: Maintain a diverse and Dynamic Workforce

Outcome No. 1: Strengthened capacity of staff to promote public health/public safety while assisting individuals experiencing homelessness.

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of these donations will result in no fiscal impact to the Department of Recreation and Parks' General Fund, except for unknown savings, as donations may offset some expenditures.

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