

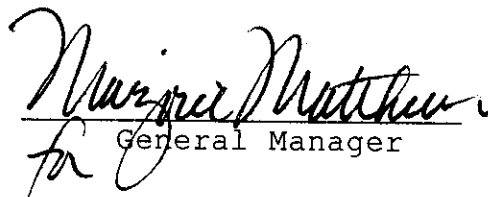
DATE May 15, 2002

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN ADDENDUM TO ALTER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS (DEPARTMENT) AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT (COUNTY) FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SCHIFF - CARDENAS CRIME PREVENTION ACT (CPA) 2000 FUNDS.

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Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board authorize approval of addendums to the MOU between the Department and the Los Angeles County Probation Department to expand the Schiff-Cardenas After-School Enrichment and Supervision Program for youth at risk or on formal probation, to include an enhancement to the services referenced in the original MOU executed by the Department and the County on March 28, 2002, at four selected recreation facilities.

SUMMARY:

The Department's commitment to the Schiff-Cardenas Crime Prevention Act of 2000 was approved by the Department of Recreation and Parks Commission on January 23, 2002 (Item 02-45) and the Los Angeles City Council on March 5, 2002 (Item 00-2329).

In April 2002, the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, convened by the County's Chief Probation Officer, recommended to the County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles Mayor's Office enhancements to the original MOU, which include the implementation of a youth employment internship program as a way to eliminate gaps in existing Schiff-Cardenas services and expend remaining funds that would otherwise revert to the state if not spent by June 30, 2002.

The addition of the Youth Employment Internship Program component results in significant changes to the MOU, including an increase in funding from the initial \$700,000 to \$950,000; program expansion to a fourth City recreation facility; and changes in the responsibilities of both County Probation and Recreation and Parks.

The Mayor's office has endorsed this proposal and requested the Department of Recreation and Parks to immediately implement the Youth Employment Internship program.

This report was prepared by Gary Baer.