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SUBJECT: RANCHO CIENEGA SPORTS COMPLEX – GIFT AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS FOUNDATION FOR A DONATION OF OUTDOOR BASKETBALL AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS

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 General Manager

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Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Accept with gratitude a gift from the Los Angeles Clippers Foundation consisting of outdoor basketball and park improvements valued at \$20,000;
2. Approve a proposed Gift Agreement, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the Department and Los Angeles Clippers Foundation specifying the terms and conditions for the performance of the proposed outdoor basketball and park improvements at the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex, subject to the approval of the Mayor and of the City Attorney as to form;
3. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the Gift Agreement forthwith to the Mayor, in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, and concurrently to the City Attorney for expedited review and approval as to form; and,
4. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Gift Agreement upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles Clippers Foundation (Clippers) has offered to donate to the City of Los Angeles

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(City) a gift of outdoor basketball and park improvements at the Department's Rancho Cienega Sports Complex (Complex), located at 5001 Rodeo Road, Los Angeles. The proposed gift agreement (Agreement) will set forth the terms and conditions for the performance of outdoor basketball and park improvements valued at \$20,000, at the sole expense of the Clippers and at no expense to the City.

The proposed improvements consist of (i) the expansion and resurfacing (slurry-coat) and striping of the existing outdoor basketball court (Court), (ii) the creation of two connected half-courts with no center-circle (Mini-Court), to be located adjacent to the Court, (iii) the installation of four (4) new goals (two for Court and two for Mini-Court) with outdoor, weather-resilient, fiberglass backboards, (iv) the resurfacing of the existing asphalt at and around the existing tennis wall area located adjacent to the Court and proposed Mini-Court area, (v) the refurbishment of the existing tennis wall, the installation of bleachers between the Court and Mini-Court, and (vi) the repair of the concrete walkways located between the existing baseball bleachers and Court. The Clippers will contract directly with Michael Anthony Companies, Inc. (Contractor), a licensed contractor who performs similar work for the Clippers on a regular basis. The Clippers will pay all project-related expenses directly to Contractor, at no expense to the Department.

The proposed improvements will provide the community with an improved outdoor basketball court with bleachers, suitable for tournament and league play, as well as team practices and recreational use. The resurfacing of the entire area (Court and tennis wall area), refurbishment of the existing tennis wall, and repair of the adjacent concrete walkways will provide the community with an improved playing surface for the users of the tennis wall, which is a highly used Complex amenity, and a safer path of travel for those merely passing through or observing basketball and/or baseball activities at the Court or baseball diamond, respectively. The asphalt Court and tennis wall surface is presently cracked, uneven, and in great need of resurfacing. The tennis wall is presently in very bad condition and in need of repair or replacement.

The existing Court is not of regulation size, and the old, metal backboards are crooked, uneven, and in need of replacement. The existing Court presently measures 78 feet long by 45 feet wide. The proposed improvements will reconfigure and expand the Court to regulation high school/college size, measuring 84 feet by 50 feet. Although the Court expansion will require the elimination of an existing "mini half-court" presently located between a wall and the existing Court, the needs of the basketball-playing community will be better satisfied by the expanded Court and Mini-Court, as the expanded Court will allow more room for safer play, and the existing, reduced-size half-court which is suitable only for free-throw shooting or one-on-one play will be offset by the creation of the Mini-Court. Although the Mini-Court will be smaller than the expanded Court and will have no center circle, it will accommodate play by younger and/or smaller users.

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Attached as Exhibit-A is a Site Plan showing the location of the proposed improvements. Plans and Specifications shall be approved by the Department prior to the commencement of any work. The proposed improvements will be donated to the Department as a gift to the City at no cost to the City.

The term of the proposed Agreement is three (3) years. In exchange for their generous donation, the Clippers request that they be allowed access to the site for a March 31, 2009 press conference and "Books and Basketball Clinic" for local youth. The Clippers have also requested that their logo be included on a corner of each backboard, within a small area not to exceed 12 square inches. As with most of the Department's gift agreements, the Department has also offered to allow the Clippers access to the Court and Mini-Court during the term of the proposed Agreement, on a request-approval basis, for special events or other Clippers sponsored programs.

All Clippers events at the site shall be approved in advanced by the Department, and shall not interfere with the Complex' normal or planned operations. Upon expiration of the proposed Agreement, the Department and Clippers will discuss continuing the relationship at the site, and if continuing the relationship is found to be mutually beneficial, a subsequent agreement shall be negotiated, subject to required City approval(s).

ENVIRONMENTAL:

Staff has determined that this project will consist of an Agreement between the Department and Clippers for the performance of outdoor basketball and park improvements, to compliment the Park's existing recreational amenities. The Court and related improvements will be an accessory facility to the existing recreational uses at the park. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1a, Class 1, Category 1, 3, and 14; and Section 1k, Class 11, Category 3 of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Staff has discussed the proposed project with the Assistant General Manager of Operations West, the Superintendent of the West Region, and the Council District Ten, and each supports the project and concurs with staff's recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There will be no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund as the proposed improvements will be performed at no cost to the Department. The Department approved Clippers special events during the term of this Agreement will be funded entirely by Clippers.

This report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Management Analyst II, of the Department's Real Estate and Asset Management Section.

EXHIBIT-A

Los Angeles Clippers Foundation Donation - Rancho Cienega Sports Complex
Basketball and Park Improvements



Existing Project Area (above)

Proposed Site Plan (below)

