CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the proposed agreement with the Volunteers of America of Los Angeles for the use of a building at the Valley Plaza Park, for the operation of a Head Start preschool program.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

- 1. DETERMINE that approval of the Agreement (Project) is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) of City CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation.
- 2. APPROVE the proposed agreement (Agreement), attached to Council file No. 25-1212, with the Volunteers of America of Los Angeles for the exclusive use of a stand-alone building located at 12331 Vanowen Street, North Hollywood, CA 91606, at the Valley Plaza Park, for the operation of a Head Start preschool program, subject to the approval of the City Council and the City Attorney as to form.
- 3. AUTHORIZE RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75 for the purpose of filing the NOE.
- 4. AUTHORIZE Staff to continue collecting Staff Impact Cost Recovery Reimbursement Fee (CRRF) Payments for deposit in the sub account in Fund No. 302/89 designated for the Volunteers of America of Los Angeles.
- 5. AUTHORIZE the Board President and Secretary to execute the Agreement subsequent to all necessary approvals.
- 6. AUTHORIZE RAP staff to make technical corrections in order to carry out the intent of the Board in approving this Report.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners reports that the proposed Agreement will have no adverse fiscal impact on the RAP General Fund, as the Volunteers of America of Los Angeles is a self-sustaining Head-Start program, and operational and Program costs will be covered by the Volunteers of America of Los Angeles.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On October 28, 2025, your Committee considered a Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners report relative to approving the proposed agreement with the Volunteers of America of Los Angeles for the exclusive use of a stand-alone building located at 12331 Vanowen Street, North Hollywood, CA 91606, at the Valley Plaza Park, for the operation of a Head Start preschool program.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations in the report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted, ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
JURADO: YES
HERNANDEZ: YES
NAZARIAN: ABSENT

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