

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FILE NO. 11-0775

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER TOM LABONGE, CHAIR
ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE relative to a proposed amendment to the agreement with GP RAH Enterprises, LLC for the operation and maintenance of the Griffith Park Train Ride.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the President and Secretary of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners to execute the first amendment to Operating Concession Agreement No. 247 with GP RAH Enterprises, LLC for the operation and maintenance of the Griffith Park Train Ride, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that Ninety percent of the revenues from the concession agreement will be deposited into the Department of Recreation and Parks Operating Fund. The remaining ten percent will be deposited into the Department of Recreation and Parks Fund, Concession Improvement Account. There is no impact on the General Fund. The above recommendation is in compliance with the City Financial Policies in that user charges and fees are set to support the full cost of operations for which the fees are charged.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE – JULY 9, 2011

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – JULY 8, 2011)

SUMMARY

On June 14, 2011, the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee Chair considered a CAO report relative to an amendment to Operating Concession Agreement No. 247 with GP RAH Enterprises, LLC for the operation and maintenance of the Griffith Park Train Ride at the Crystal Springs Drive and Travel Town locations within Griffith Park in Council District 4. The proposed amendment extends the term of the agreement by three years from 15 years to 18 years, terminating on February 28, 2024. The CAO report, attached to the Council file, includes a copy of the proposed amendment and the original agreement.

A representative of the CAO provided a brief overview of the proposed agreement, and along with a representative of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), responded to questions from the Committee Chair. In particular, the Chair questioned why the concessionaire for the Griffith Park Train Ride was provided with a three-year extension on its agreement due to the impact on its ticket sales from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) River Supply Conduit project, while other concessionaires in Griffith Park who may have been similarly impacted by the project, such as the concessionaire for the tennis operations, were not provided with the same three-year extension.

The Chair expressed concern with the methodology used in determining which concessionaires should receive the three-year extensions to their agreements due to the impacts of the LADWP conduit project, and requested that when this item is before Council for its consideration, that the RAP, the Office of the CAO, and the Office of the City Attorney be prepared to explain this methodology to the Council.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair recommended approval of the recommendation contained in the CAO report transmitted to Council on May 09, 2011. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER TOM LABONGE, CHAIR
ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
LABONGE:	YES
WESSON:	ABSENT
REYES:	ABSENT

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