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February 17, 2022

Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
c/o: Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Members of the City Council:

Subject:

Veterans Gardens at Palisades Park and Recreation Center – Approval of Amended and Restated Agreement with Your Palisades Park Improvement Corporation for the installation of park improvements, including approval of revised recognition signage

Recommendation for Council Action:

The Board Respectfully Requests that the City Council (i) Approve the proposed Amended and Restated Agreement (Amended Agreement) attached to this Report as Attachment 1, which consists of modifications to that original agreement (Contract 3726) between the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and Your Palisades Park Improvement Corporation (Your Park), approved by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) on August 7, 2019 (Report No. 19-162) and executed on September 23, 2019, for the development and donation of the Veterans Gardens project to the City of Los Angeles; (ii) Approve the proposed five (5) Military Branch Recognition Panels (Military Panels) as set forth in Exhibit C of the Amended Agreement, so that the City may recognize five (5) of the branches of the United States military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard), honor all of the City's veterans by highlighting select individuals from the community, and thank and acknowledge certain donors for their contributions to Veterans Gardens, such actions to include a QR-code on each panel, linking interested park-goers to an independent, non-City website managed by Your Park to provide additional information regarding those military veterans being honored; (iii) Approve and direct that the language and QR Code on the Military Panels pertaining to the recognition of donors and the honoring of one or more certain veterans of the United States Military be retained for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the effective date of the Amended Agreement.

Background:

On August 7, 2019, the Board approved Report No. 19-162 approving a gift agreement between Your Park and the City for the construction and installation of park improvements to be known as Veterans Gardens at Palisades Park and Recreation Center (Original Agreement). Per the terms of the Original Agreement, the Veterans Gardens improvements were constructed and installed



by Your Park at Your Park's expense, made possible through various charitable contributions received by Your Park from various community members and supporters. The improvements were constructed pursuant to plans and specifications approved by RAP's Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch (PMC), and were donated to RAP as a gift, which was accepted by the Board on July 15, 2021 (Report No. 21-131), attached to this Report as Attachment 2. The Original Agreement also provided for the naming of the completed improvements as "Veterans Gardens", and the installation of certain recognition signage so that the City and RAP may give appreciation and recognition of the monetary contributions received from the various donors supporting Veterans Gardens.

Fiscal Impact Statement:

The approval of the Amended Agreement and Military Panels included in Exhibit C of the same, will not have any fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund, as costs associated with the installation and maintenance of the Military Panels will be funded entirely by Your Park at no expense to RAP, and funded through charitable contributions from the various donations received by Your Park from the public. The future maintenance of Veterans Gardens will be funded and performed by Your Park through licensed landscaping contractors and vendors under the previously approved Maintenance Agreement. Any required maintenance beyond the term of the Maintenance Agreement will be addressed through the Park's existing maintenance budget, annual budget process, and possible future supplemental funding that may be provided by Your Park.

If you have any questions with regard to the aforementioned matters, please contact Mr. Joel Alvarez, Sr. Management Analyst II, Partnership Section at (213) 202-5600.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF RECREATION AND
PARK COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Takisha Sardin".

Takisha Sardin
Acting Commission Executive
Assistant II

Attachment: Board Report No. 21-181

cc: Joel Alvarez, Sr. Management Analyst II, Partnership Section Branch