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September 15, 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:

Runyon Canyon Park – Memorandum of Understanding with The Friends of Runyon Canyon Foundation for Continued Support of Runyon Canyon Park.

Recommendation for Council Action:

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) respectfully requests City Council approval of the proposed new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between The Friends of Runyon Canyon Foundation (FOR) and the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) for the continued support of Runyon Canyon Park and reaffirming the respective responsibilities and roles for fundraising and other support of Runyon Canyon Park; and as further detailed in attached Report No. 22-245.

Background:

The Friends of Runyon Canyon Foundation (FOR), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation, approved by the IRS in July 2014, and incorporated in California on February 3, 2014, has been supporting Runyon Canyon Park (Park) and RAP since its inception. FOR's mission is to raise funds and awareness for the preservation, maintenance, protection, and beautification of Runyon Canyon Park. The primary purpose of RAP's relationship with FOR is to improve the quality of the Park for all visitors. On December 16, 2016, the Board approved a prior MOU between RAP and FOR under Report No. 16-255, attached hereto as Attachment No. 2 (Previous MOU), which was executed on December 16, 2017, with an expiration date of April 14, 2018. The Previous MOU was amended under Report No. 18-052 on April 8, 2018, attached hereto as Attachment No. 3, and was executed on June 27, 2018, extending the expiration date to December 17, 2020. Due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the MOU was not renewed before the expiration date.

Fiscal Impact Statement:

The proposed MOU will have no fiscal impact on the RAP General Fund, as FOR proposed projects, events, and activities are to be performed through private donations and other outside resources, at no cost to RAP.



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If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please contact Melissa Bettis, Management Analyst, Partnership Section, Department of Recreation and Parks, at (213) 202-3192.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF RECREATION AND
PARK COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Takisha Sardin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

TAKISHA SARDIN
Commission Executive Assistant II

Attachments: Board Report No. 22-245

cc: Melissa Bettis, Management Analyst, Partnership Section