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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 12-118

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BOARD OF RECREATION  
and PARK COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF PARK HOURS OF OPERATION FOR BOTH EXISTING AND NEW PARKS

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board direct staff to review and report back on park hours of operation for existing and new parks.

SUMMARY:

On April 4, 2012, Council District 14 submitted a motion to the City Council which requested the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance that would protect the newly refurbished City Hall Park (Motion No. 12-0504). According to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44.B.14(a), the standard operating hours for public parks is 5:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. In recognition and support of said motion and of the Department's concerns for public safety, department staff have determined that a number of the Department's non-programmed passive parks, portions of larger parks that are principally passive in design, and, various non-programmed park facilities, should have their operating hours reviewed for modification so that the hours of operation are more appropriate given the size, design, and level of recreational amenities provided at each park.

The parks, park areas, and park facilities recommended for review for modified hours of operation are typically small (or pocket) parks that are of a passive nature and/or parks and park areas that are not programmed with formal or organized recreational activities. Activities at these parks, park areas, and park facilities typically occur in the daytime, and many of these parks, park areas, and park facilities are not lit for nighttime use. Many of these passive parks are part of the Department's 50 Parks Initiative and are located within primarily residential areas. Formally modifying the park hours would authorize the Office of Public Safety to remove persons from the parks after the parks official closing time. The reduction in hours of operation is also anticipated to lessen the wear and tear on the parks, and as a result, reduce maintenance costs.

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Staff finds that the parks, park areas, and park facilities identified in Exhibit A are examples of such parks, park areas, and park facilities that should be reviewed with the Mayor's Office, Council Offices and affected stakeholders, as appropriate, to determine suitable hours of operation. Other parks, park areas, and park facilities may be identified for modification through this review process.

The proposed action to research the possibility of reducing the operating hours for specific parks or park areas is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines (Public Resources Code Section 21065) since it constitutes an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in either a direct physical change or a reasonably indirect physical change in the environment. Therefore, this action is not subject to CEQA.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this Report may have an impact on the Department's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Management Analyst, and Melinda Gejer, City Planning Associate, of the Planning, Construction and Maintenance Division.

EXAMPLES OF PARKS, PARK AREAS AND PARK FACILITIES  
RECOMMENDED FOR REVIEW FOR MODIFIED HOURS OF OPERATION

PARK, PARK AREA, OR PARK FACILITY

- Aliso Canyon Park
- Alma Park
- Alvarado Terrace Park
- Arroyo Seco Park  
(Avenue 57, Avenue 60, and Avenue 64 sections, as designated by appropriate signage)
- Ascot Hills Park
- Bandini Canyon Park
- Bee Canyon Park
- Bellaire Avenue Park
- Benny H. Potter West Adams Avenues Memorial Park
- Bud Wiener Park
- Carlton Way Park
- Castle Peak Park
- Chatsworth Oaks Park
- Chesterfield Square Park
- City Hall Park
- Cleland Avenue Bicentennial Park
- Cohasset-Melba Park
- Country Club Park Heritage Plaza
- Crestwood Hills Park
- De Garmo Park
- De Longpre Park
- Devonshire/ Arleta Park
- Devonwood Park
- Drew Street Park
- Eagle Rock Historical Landmark
- East Los Angeles Park
- El Dorado Avenue Park
- El Paseo de Cahuenga Park
- Elysian Park  
(Riverside Park section, as designated by appropriate signage)
- Everette Park
- Fehlhaber- Houk Park
- Fox and Laurel Park
- Garvanza Park
- Glenhurst Park

- Greayer's Oak Park
- Haines Canyon Park
- Hartland Mini-Park
- Hoover-Gage Park
- Hope and Peace Park
- Howard Finn Park
- Jaime Beth Slavin Park
- John Quimby Park
- Juntos Park
- Kittridge Mini-Park
- La Tuna Canyon Park
- Lacy Street Neighborhood Park
- Lanark/Shelby Mini-Park
- LAPD SWAT Officer Randall D. Simmons Park
- Laurel and Hardy Park
- Laurel Canyon Park
- Lazy J. Ranch Park
- Lexington Avenue Pocket Park
- Los Angeles Riverfront Park
- Mae Boyar Recreation Center
- Marson Park
- Mascot Triangle
- McGroarty Cultural Arts Center  
(Portion between McGroarty Street and McGroarty Terrace, as designated by appropriate signage)
- Mecca Avenue Park
- Moon Canyon Park
- Moorpark Park
- Moonshine Canyon Park
- Mount Olympus Park
- North Hollywood Park  
(Skate Plaza and Valley Village Park areas, as designated by appropriate signage)
- O'Melveny Park
- Oro Vista Park
- Pacific Overlook Park
- Parthenia Park
- Peck Park  
(Canyon section, as designated by appropriate signage)
- Pico Union Park
- Porter Ranch Park
- Potrero Canyon Park
- Prospect Park
- Robert F. Kennedy Inspiration Park

- Rena Park
- Rinaldi Park
- Ritchie Valens Park  
     Skate Plaza area, as designated by appropriate signage)
- Rockwood Park
- Ramona Gardens Recreation Center  
     (Henry Alvarez Memorial Park section, as designated by appropriate signage)
- Ross Valencia Community Park
- Seily Rodríguez Park
- Selma Park
- Serrania Avenue Park
- Silverlake Meadows Park
- Southeast Valley Roller and Skateboard Rink Park
- South L.A. Wetlands Park
- Saint James Park
- Strathern Park West
- Taxco Trails Park
- Titmouse Park
- Tobias Avenue Park
- Tujunga Greenbelt & Pedestrian Bridge
- Valley Plaza Park  
     (Nature Center and Rhodes Avenue Park areas, as designated by  
     appropriate signage)
- Vanalden Park
- Wall Street Park
- Washington Irving Pocket Park
- Watts Cultural Center Crescent Park
- Woodbridge Park