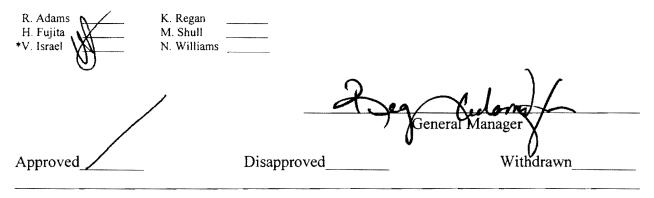
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SUBJECT: JIM GILLIAM CHILD CARE CENTER – CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2014-2015 GENERAL CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT AND CALIFORNIA STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS – AUTHORIZATION OF CONTINUED FUNDING APPLICATION FOR SUBSIDIZED PRESCHOOL SERVICES; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS



RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

- 1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit a continued funding application for the 2014-2015 General Child Care Program (CCTR) in the approximate amount of \$8,000.00 and the 2014-2015 California State Preschool Program (CSPP) in the approximate amount of \$170,000.00 to the California Department of Education (CDE) for subsidized preschool services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center, subject to Mayor and City Council consideration;
- 2. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant application to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant awards, pursuant to the Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
- 3. Authorize RAP's General Manager to accept and receive the 2014-2015 CCTR continued funding, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$8,000.00 and the 2014-2015 CSPP continued funding award, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$170,000.00 from the CDE for subsidized preschool services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;

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- 4. Designate RAP's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the implementation and completion of the project(s); and
- 5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the 2014-2015 CCTR continued funding, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$8,000.00 and the 2014-2015 CSPP funding, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$170,000.00 for subsidized preschool services at Jim Gilliam Child Care Center.

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Education (CDE) is offering existing contractors the opportunity to request continued funding for fiscal year 2014-2015 for Child Care and Development programming. The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) is a current recipient of General Child Care Program (CCTR) and California State Preschool Program (CSPP) funding. The funding provides subsidized preschool services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center for eligible children ages three to five (3 to 5) years old.

Since January of 1986, RAP has received CDE funds to provide child care services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center. The program is the RAP's first licensed pre-school program and serves children of families with incomes at or below the seventy-five (75) percent State median income level. The center is licensed by the State to serve forty-five (45) children from three to five (3 to 5) years of age and is currently operating at full capacity. The subsidized program at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center makes it possible for children to remain at the center for the full day. Preschool programming helps children develop academic, cognitive, and behavioral skills that have proven to increase their chances for future success. This program also gives parents, who would otherwise be unable to afford preschool program services, the opportunity to seek employment or return to school to create better economic opportunities for their families.

The application is due by December 2, 2013, and awards are typically announced once the State's budget is approved for the concerned fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The CCTR and CSPP grants do not require a match. The grants assist RAP by providing additional funding to continue the subsidized preschool program at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center.

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