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**BOARD REPORT**

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**SUBJECT:** DONATION OF FUNDS, EQUIPMENT, AND IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF DODGERS REVIVING BASEBALL IN INNER CITIES YOUTH BASEBALL AND GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE AT SIXTEEN (16) PARKS

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Accept a donation from the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (LADF) consisting of funding, uniforms, equipment, and in-kind contributions, with an estimated value of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand, Four Hundred Five Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$230,405.43), in support of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) operation of the Dodgers Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities Program (RBI) 2018 season, for the benefit of youth ages 5 to 15; and direct that appropriate recognition be given to LADF.

**SUMMARY**

The Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (LADF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and the official team charity of the Los Angeles Dodgers. LADF's primary focus is to strengthen and support cornerstone programs in sports, recreation, education, literacy, health, and wellness, which benefit children and families in need throughout the greater Los Angeles region. The Dodgers RBI Program (Program) is part of an international Major League Baseball (MLB) initiative, which today encompasses more than two hundred (200) cities and over two hundred thousand (200,000) youth, helping them grow on and off the baseball field. Over the past six years, the Program has been supported by MLB and LADF; one year by MLB for Spring League 2013, and by LADF for Spring Leagues 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. The 2018 Program began in April and will conclude in August 2018.

The following is a list of the sixteen (16) recreation centers that are participating in the 2018 Program:

- Algin Sutton Recreation Center
- Baldwin Hills Recreation Center
- Central Recreation Center

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- Denker Recreation Center
- Evergreen Recreation Center
- Harbor City Recreation Center
- Highland Park Recreation Center
- Lincoln Park Recreation Center
- Jackie Tatum/Harvard Recreation Center
- Montecito Heights Recreation Center
- Normandie Recreation Center
- Pecan Recreation Center
- Rancho Cienega Sports Complex
- Rosecrans Recreation Center
- Ross Snyder Recreation Center
- St. Andrews Recreation Center

LADF's current support for the 2018 Program consists of:

- Funding in the amount of Fifty-Three Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$53,460.00) for umpire and field maintenance expenses at the sixteen (16) Program sites; three thousand five hundred sixty-four (3,564) sets of baseball and softball uniforms, consisting of a cap, two jerseys, pants, and socks for each participant; five hundred twenty-four (524) polo shirts for coaches; with the value of the uniforms and sports apparel amounting to approximately Fifty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$57,661.43); and
- Baseball and softball equipment valued at approximately Fifty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$59,284.00).

The total value of the LADF's donation of funding, uniforms, and equipment is One Hundred Seventy Thousand, Four Hundred Five Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$170,405.43.), excluding additional in-kind Program contributions.

The uniforms, which display the RAP logo on one sleeve, will be worn at league games by approximately three thousand, five hundred sixty-four (3,564) boys and girls, ages 5 through 15, and approximately five hundred twenty-four (524) coaches. Program participants will be allowed to keep the issued uniforms for personal use once the season ends. The donated baseball and softball equipment will be retained by each participating recreation center for future use.

LADF also provided RAP with the following in-kind contributions with an estimated value of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00):

- Recruitment flyers and banners for each site;
- Coaches Trainings

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- Vision to Learn free eye exams and eyeglasses for event participants at Baldwin Hills and Montecito Heights Recreation Centers “Dodger Days” event. Additional activities included a baseball clinic, inflatable Dodger pitching machine, alumni autograph signing, pizza, and various giveaways
- Bank of America Better Money Habits Seminars held at Jackie Tatum Harvard, Montecito Heights and Harbor City Recreation Centers. The seminars are intended to teach parents and players how to manage their money and save for college
- Fitness Nights was held at Highland Park, Rosecrans and Ross Synder Recreation Centers
- An invitation to all players and coaches to the annual PlayerFest at Dodger Stadium, where a baseball clinic, stadium tours, carnival games, various giveaways, alumni autographs, eye exams, and lunch will be provided.

The collective, approximate value of LADF’s donation to RAP, which includes funding, uniforms, equipment, and in-kind contributions in support of the Program’s 2018 season, is approximately Two Hundred Thirty Thousand, Four Hundred Five Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$230,405.43 ).

The Superintendents of the Pacific and Metro Regions support the 2018 Program, and each concurs with staff’s recommendations.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This donation of funding, uniforms, equipment, and in-kind contributions valued at approximately Two Hundred Thirty Thousand, Four Hundred Five Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$230,405.43), from LADF through the Program, supplements uniforms, equipment, and other related expenses to make the RBI baseball and softball programs a success. Acceptance of LADF’s annual donation has no fiscal impact on the RAP General Fund, as all funding is being provided by LADF, at no cost to RAP, for the benefit of participating youth from sixteen (16) communities.

This Report was prepared by Chinyere Stoneham, Recreation Supervisor CLASS Parks, Metro Region.