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**BOARD OF RECREATION
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BOARD REPORT

NO. 20-147

DATE August 06, 2020

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SUBJECT: **GLADYS AND SAN JULIAN PARKS: DONATIONS FROM HUMANITY HEROES**

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General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

Accept the donations as noted in the Summary of this Report and direct that appropriate recognition be given to the donor, Humanity Heroes.

SUMMARY

Humanity Heroes was founded by philanthropist and entrepreneur Michael Straumeitis. Humanity Heroes is a global nonprofit whose mission is to improve the quality of life for the impoverished and homeless through collaboration, innovation and sustainability. Humanity Heroes has been serving the homeless population in the Los Angeles Skid Row area for four years. Since 2016, Humanity Heroes has contributed over \$500,000 in non-perishable donations to the Skid Row area.

On December 21, 2019, Department staff partnered with Humanity Heroes to host an event at San Julian Park. Humanity Heroes donated 500 adult backpacks that were distributed to all park patrons that attended the event. These backpacks contained essential items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, antiperspirant, socks, hand sanitizer, blanket, flashlight, batteries, dry food and resource materials.

Additionally, Humanity Heroes donated 3,000 face coverings and 1,500 hygiene kits consisting of razors, toothbrush, toothpaste, roll-on deodorant, soap, wash cloths, bath towels, hand sanitizer and mouthwash to the Department of Recreation and Parks. All items were distributed by Department staff to the various homeless shelter and Skid Row patrons at Gladys and San Julian Parks. In total, the in-kind donations are valued at \$79,735.

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STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 7: Maintain a diverse and Dynamic Workforce

Outcome No. 1: Strengthened capacity of staff to promote public health/public safety while assisting individuals experiencing homelessness.

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of these donations will result in no fiscal impact to the Department of Recreation and Parks' General Fund, except for unknown savings, as donations may offset some expenditures.

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