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ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH & AGING

The mission of the Department of Recreation and Parks is to enrich the lives of the residents of Los Angeles by providing safe, welcoming parks and recreation facilities and affordable, diverse recreation and human services activities for people of all ages to play, learn, contemplate, build community and be good stewards of our environment.

It is the responsibility of the City and the Department to provide affordable recreational, physical and cultural opportunities for all of Los Angeles residents, with a focus on families, youth development and building healthy communities. The programs and services offered by the Department provide excellent value and quality and emphasize the equitable distribution of resources throughout the City. These opportunities are equally important to the continuum of public safety services the City provides in conjunction with the Police Department, Fire Department, and the City Attorney's Office.

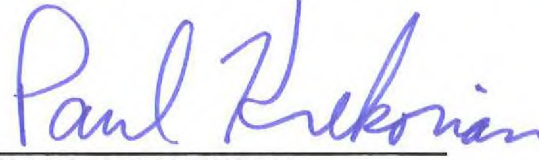
As aforementioned, the Department of Recreation and Parks is an integral pillar of public safety throughout the City of Los Angeles, ensuring that children, seniors, and families have a safe place to recreate and enjoy recreational and parks programming. Although the Department's budget peaked in Fiscal Year 2009-10 at \$207 million dollars, since that time funding has decreased a total of \$76 million dollars during the Great Recession. The Department of Recreation and Parks is currently budgeted for \$194 million dollars for the upcoming fiscal year.

In order to begin to restore and expand the opportunities and programs provided by the Department of Recreation and Parks, it is important for the policy makers of the City of Los Angeles to look at a long-term restoration plan which will provide sustainability and access to all residents.

WE THEREFORE MOVE to instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks, in coordination with the City Administrative Office and the Chief Legislative Analyst, to report back to the Budget and Finance Committee and the Arts, Parks, Health, and Aging Committee by Sept. 30, 2013 with a draft five-year restoration plan to increase the ongoing operations and maintenance budget (excluding construction and rehabilitation) to a minimum of \$250 million dollars by Fiscal Year 2018-19. This plan will include a phased year-by-year restoration of the Department beginning with Fiscal Year 2014-15, and may include potential revenue options for the Department as well as consideration of reduction or elimination of part or all of the chargebacks by the Department of Water and Power.

WE FURTHER MOVE to request the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners, and instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks, to hold a minimum of fifteen public hearings (one in each Council District) to receive input and comments from the public between October 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 on a draft five-year restoration plan.

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