RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Retroactively authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit a continued funding application to the California Department of Education (CDE) for funding at the current levels of Six Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars ($6,596.00) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 California Center-Based Child Care (CCTR), if awarded, and Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars ($295,487.00) for the FY 2017-2018 California State Preschool Program (CSPP), if awarded, for subsidized preschool services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center, subject to Mayor and City Council consideration;

2. Direct RAP staff to transmit a copy of the continued funding application documents 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 award, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;

3. Authorize RAP’s General Manager to accept and receive from CDE continued funding of Six Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars ($6,596.00) under the FY 2017-2018 CCTR, if awarded, and Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars ($295,487.00) under the FY 2017-2018 CSPP, if awarded, for subsidized preschool services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
4. Designate RAP's General Manager, Chief Financial 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);

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 FY 2017-2018 CCTR continued funding, if awarded, in the amount of Six Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars ($6,596.00), and the 2017-2018 CSPP continued funding, if awarded, in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars ($295,487.00), from the CDE for subsidized preschool services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center; and,

6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make any technical changes, as may be necessary to effectuate the intent of these funds.

SUMMARY

In November 2016, RAP was notified that the CDE would begin receiving applications for continued funding for FY 2017-2018 childcare and preschool programs in November 2016. As a current recipient of CCTR funding which subsidizes child care for two to three year olds, and CSPP funding which provides subsidy for pre-kindergarteners, RAP is eligible to apply for continuation of existing levels of funding in each program. For the FY 2016-2017, RAP was authorized up to Six Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars ($6,596.00), under CCTR and up to Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars ($295,487.00) under the CSPP Program, for the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center program. If awarded continued funding for FY 2017-2018, RAP will continue to use the funding to provide subsidized preschool services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center for eligible children ages three to five years old. These awards are maximum reimbursable amounts with payments made by the CDE based on RAP's quarterly reports of actual enrollment, attendance, and expenses.

For twenty-one (21) years since January of 1996, RAP has received CDE funds to provide child care services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center, which serves children of families with incomes at or below the seventy-five percent (75%) of the State median income level. The Jim Gilliam Child Care Center is RAP's first licensed preschool program with a licensed capacity to serve forty-five (45) children, and is currently operating at full capacity as the Center is located within a high need area. These grant funds make it possible for as many as thirty-two (32) children to receive subsidized full-day preschool services. As studies have shown, preschool programming helps children develop academic, cognitive, and behavioral skills that have proven to increase their chances for future success. The full-day services also give participants' parents, who would otherwise be unable to afford these services, the opportunity to seek employment, or return to school in hopes of creating better economic opportunities for their families.

The continuation funding application for FY 2017-18 was submitted before the deadline of December 1, 2016. Award amounts are typically announced once the State of California budget for the subject fiscal year is approved.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The acceptance of this CDE grant does not require match funding. 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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