



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Greater Long Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross to use City-owned property for emergency shelters, for a term of five years. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The American Red Cross (Red Cross) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit humanitarian organization that provides assistance to victims of disasters and emergencies. Red Cross assistance includes shelter, food, basic sanitation, maintenance of health and mental health support, and assistance with planning for recovery from the disaster, including limited financial assistance. Red Cross response in disasters and other emergencies does not require a governmental declaration of any type. Regardless of the size of the disaster or emergency, or the number of families affected, all assistance is provided on a uniform basis.

Under the City's Multi-Hazard Functional Plan, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine has the primary responsibility to provide for the basic human needs of residents within established shelters. The community centers listed below have been surveyed by the Red Cross as potential shelter sites:

- Bixby Park, 130 Cherry Avenue
- California Recreation Center, 1550 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue
- Cesar Chavez Park, 401 Golden Avenue
- El Dorado West Park, 2800 Studebaker Road
- Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Avenue
- Long Beach Senior Center, 1150 E. 4th Street
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Avenue
- Recreation Park, 4900 E. 7th Street
- Scherer Park, 4600 Long Beach Boulevard
- Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st Street
- Veteran's Park, 101 E. 28th Street
- Whaley Park, 5620 Atherton Street

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The proposed agreement will authorize the Red Cross to utilize City-owned property for the purpose of providing emergency shelter to persons affected by disasters. The Red Cross will reimburse the City for all material and supply costs incurred at the designated shelters.

This letter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on April 20, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the proposed agreement, which authorizes the Red Cross to utilize City-owned facilities as emergency shelters. In the event of an emergency, the City would be reimbursed for any expenses incurred.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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Attachment

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER