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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute second amendments to Lease Numbers 21436 and 27371, with the Greater Long Beach Girl Scout Council, a California nonprofit corporation, for a name change to Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles. (Districts 3 and 5)

DISCUSSION

On October 13, 2008, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine received a letter requesting a name change to Lease No. 27371, which expires June 30, 2015, and a name change to Lease No. 21436, which expires August 31, 2025. The leadership of Girl Scouts of the United States of America (Girl Scouts USA) recently determined that the existing organizational framework consisting of hundreds of Girl Scout councils throughout the United States was not an efficient or optimal operating structure. Therefore, Girl Scouts USA instituted a nationwide realignment process, whereby councils in geographic regions merge to create new councils. The merged organizations will have the size, scale, and resources needed to support its members.

The Greater Long Beach Girl Scout Council (GLBGSC), which is chartered by Girl Scouts USA, has leased City-owned property at 4040 Bellflower Boulevard (Lease No. 27371) since 1995. GLBGSC provides opportunities for all girls to develop self-esteem, preparing them to meet life's challenges and achieve their full potential. The Bellflower site serves more than 3,000 girls, ages 5 through 17, throughout 17 communities, and is one of only a few organizations in Southeast Los Angeles County that is focused on meeting the needs of girls.

GLBGSC has also leased City-owned property at 5865 Appian Way (Lease No. 21436) since 1990. This site hosts a year-round waterfront program, which includes a fleet of kayaks and canoes. Summer camp programs at this facility accommodate approximately 550 girls, ages 5 through 17. Other programs throughout the year serve an additional 760 girls, who participate in weekend activities.

Effective December 1, 2008, GLBGSC merged with Angeles, San Fernando Valley, Spanish Trails, and Mt. Wilson Vista to form the new Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (Girl Scouts LA). Girls Scouts LA will serve nearly 45,000 girls and is expected to offer expanded opportunities for its members, including greater access to facilities, a greater variety of programs, improved communications, and advanced staff training.

City Council approval is necessary in order to amend Lease Numbers 21436 and 27371 to reflect the name change. The City Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved all documentation related to the legal name change. All other provisions of the two leases shall remain the same.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on December 15, 2008, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on December 10, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 6, 2009, in order to authorize the execution of second amendments to Lease Numbers 21436 and 27371.

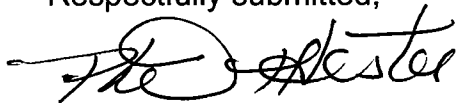
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER