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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary to enter into an Agreement for Use of Facilities and Services with the Long Beach Unified School District for the continuation of the Vocational Education Program Community Classroom at the Long Beach Senior Center, located at 1150 East 4th Street, Long Beach, for a term of five years, from November 1, 2017 to October 31, 2022. (District 2)

DISCUSSION

Since October 1, 2012, the Long Beach Senior Center (Senior Center) has hosted the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), Vocational Education Program Community Classroom (LBUSD VE). LBUSD VE is a program intended to train LBUSD Special Education students between the ages of 18 to 22 with career awareness and exploration, as well as improving their life skills and employability while they complete their secondary education.

Specifically, LBUSD VE students at the Senior Center are provided opportunities for job shadowing and volunteer work experience while receiving ongoing support and guidance from LBUSD vocational personnel. During their time at the Senior Center, the students learn the fundamentals of food handling, sanitation, and conduct in the workplace under the direction of LBUSD teachers. The training enables LBUSD VE students to volunteer in food handling environments both at the Senior Center in the Friendly Cup Café and upstairs kitchen, as well as in other agencies with the aim of transitioning into employment.

The LBUSD directly supervises each student and bears all applicable costs for the participant's involvement in the program and meets the City's insurance requirements. LBUSD is also responsible for providing all LBUSD VE student orientation and placement while they are enrolled in the program, at no cost to the City. Parks and Recreation Commission approval is requested to allow LBUSD to continue the LBUSD VE program at the Senior Center at no cost to the City.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the Recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,



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MANAGER
COMMUNITY RECREATION SERVICES



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APPROVED:



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