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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

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City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to the City Manager the approval of a new playground as an improvement for public recreation at Channel View Park, which meets a recreational need within the City;

and,

Recommend to the City Manager to accept the donation of \$500,000 from The AES Corporation, for the installation of a playground at Channel View Park. (District 3)

DISCUSSION

Recently, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (Department) was notified that The AES Corporation (AES) proposed to donate \$500,000 for the creation of a new playground in Channel View Park. AES operates the Alamitos Generating Station, a steam-powered electrical generating plant, located on North Studebaker Road across the Los Cerritos Channel from Channel View Park. AES' core mission is to improve the lives of the people in the communities that they serve by delivering safe, reliable, and sustainable energy, and that their role should extend beyond their mission. AES is committed to making a positive impact in the community in which they live and work.

Channel View Park, located at 7th Street to Loynes Drive at Los Cerritos Channel, is a 5.28 Park that includes a walking path, lighting and site furnishings such as benches and trash receptacles. Currently, the Park does not have a playground and this donation would make the development of the playground possible. This playground provides a neighborhood park amenity within walking distance from the adjacent University Park Estates community. This community is bounded by major arterials, with 7th Street to the North, Loynes Drive to the South and Pacific Coast Highway to the West, making walking to a nearby park difficult.

AES and the Department are very excited about this partnership to enhance the recreational opportunities at Channel View Park. Over the next several months staff will work with the community to identify the playground amenities and locate the playground within the Park. The Department also anticipates applying for a playground grant from the California Parks and

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Recreation Society to offset some of the equipment costs to leverage grant funding and maximize the donation.

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends to the City Manager plans for the development, beautification and maintenance of public park and recreational areas, so Commission support of the proposed improvement is requested.

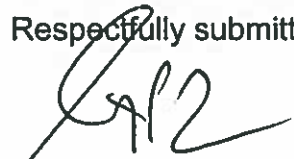
FISCAL IMPACT

The recommended action will result in an increase of \$500,000 to the Capital Projects fund group in the Public Works Department.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



MEREDITH REYNOLDS, MANAGER
PARK PLANNING
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ATTACHMENT: Location Map

APPROVED:



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