



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement with the Long Beach Unified School District, to reimburse the City of Long Beach in an amount not to exceed \$70,000, for the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department to provide staffing and other services to conduct a 10-week summer swim program at the Temporary Belmont Plaza, Cabrillo High School, Jordan High School, Martin Luther King, Jr., Millikan High School, and Silverado pools, from June 20, 2022 to August 26, 2022; and

Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group by \$57,500, and in the Tidelands Operating Fund Group by \$12,500 in the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department, offset by reimbursement revenue.

(Districts 3,4,6,7,9)

City Council approval is requested to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement with the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) to allow the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department (PRM) to conduct a 10-week summer swim program (Program), at the Belmont Plaza Temporary, Cabrillo High School, Jordan High School, Martin Luther King, Jr., Millikan High School, and Silverado pools, to help youth, ages 17 and under, develop swimming and water safety skills. For the well-being of program participants and PRM staff, PRM will follow the most current COVID-19 guidelines and will work with LBUSD to adjust programming as needed.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that ten people drown each day in the United States. A study published by the International Journal of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine found that participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the likelihood of drowning among young children by 88 percent.

In addition, a study commissioned by the USA Swimming Foundation and conducted by the University of Memphis found that nearly 70 percent of African American children, and nearly 60 percent of Latino children, have low or no swim ability, putting them at risk of drowning. Lastly, the USA Swimming Foundation also found that children who swim are more likely to be healthy, have positive self-esteem, and better social interactions with peers. Swimming is a healthy, low-impact activity that has many physical and mental benefits. It is an essential life skill that prevents drowning and provides a fun and challenging way for youth to stay fit while increasing cardiovascular activity that promotes heart and lung health.

The Program is aligned with the goals of both the City of Long Beach's (City) Strategic Plan for Youth and Emerging Adults as swimming provides many physical and mental health

benefits to participants and with the PRM Strategic Plan to provide programs that allow youth of all ages, genders, and abilities to engage in water-related activities.

The proposed Reimbursement Agreement contains the following major provisions:

- Term: The Program will run for 10 weeks: June 20, 2022 through August 26, 2022.
- Staffing: PRM will utilize four lifeguards, one senior lifeguard, and one Recreation Leader Specialist to staff the Program.
- Proposed/Planned Weekly Schedule for Recreation Swim Sessions:

| Pool Location | Days | Times |
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| Belmont Plaza Temporary Pool | Monday - Sunday Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| Cabrillo High School Pool | Monday - Friday | 11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. |
| Jordan High School Pool | Monday - Friday | 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Pool | Monday - Sunday Tuesday & Thursday | 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| Millikan High School Pool | Monday - Friday | 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. |
| Silverado Pool | Monday - Sunday Wednesday | 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. |

- Program Costs: All costs incurred by PRM to staff and run the Program will be reimbursed by LBUSD; the agreed cost reimbursement will be \$70,000.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on May 2, 2022 and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on April 27, 2022.

City Council action is requested on May 24, 2022, to allow sufficient time to execute the agreements prior to the beginning of the Program.

The total revenue from LBUSD will not exceed \$70,000 and will reimburse program costs including staff, materials, and supplies. An appropriation increase of \$57,500 is requested in the General Fund Group and \$12,500 in the Tidelands Operating Fund Group in the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department, offset by reimbursement revenue from LBUSD. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. This recommendation will result in a positive impact on jobs. Six temporary seasonal jobs will be created to conduct the Program. Approve recommendation.

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