



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 an amount not to exceed \$70,000 for the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department to provide staffing and other services to conduct an 11-week summer swim program, ensuring appropriate coordination given COVID-19 restrictions, at the Belmont Plaza Temporary Pool, Silverado Pool, Cabrillo High School Pool, Jordan High School Pool, and Martin Luther King, Jr., Pool, from June 15, 2020 through August 28, 2020; and

Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group by \$40,834, and in the Tidelands Operations Fund Group by \$9,166 in the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department, offset by reimbursement revenue.
(Districts 3,5,6,7,9)

Following the great success of previous swim programs at Long Beach pools during the summer, City Council approval is now 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 an 11-week summer swim program (Program), at the Belmont Plaza Temporary, Silverado, Cabrillo High School, Jordan High School, and Martin Luther King, Jr. pools, to help youth, ages 17 and under, to develop their swimming and water safety skills. PRM has been working with LBUSD to ensure appropriate coordination given COVID-19 restrictions and will continue to work with them to adjust programming as needed.

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 for drowning.

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 children, ages one to four years, by 88 percent.

In addition, the USA Swimming Foundation has found that children who swim are more likely to be healthy, have positive self-esteem, and make friends. Swimming is a healthy, low-impact activity that has many physical and mental benefits. In addition to important safety skills that prevent drowning, swimming provides a fun and challenging way for youth to stay fit by providing cardiovascular activity that promotes heart and lung health.

The proposed Reimbursement Agreement contains the following major provisions:

- Term: The Program will run for 11 weeks - from June 15, 2020 through August 28, 2020.
- 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:
 - Belmont Plaza Temporary Pool: Monday-Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 - Silverado Pool: Monday-Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 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: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 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 Arturo D. Sanchez on April 7, 2020 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on April 25, 2020.

City Council action is requested on May 12, 2020, to enable the execution of the proposed Reimbursement Agreement, to capture the entire term of the Program.

Total revenue received from LBUSD will not exceed \$70,000. Of that amount, \$20,000 will be used to subsidize youth swim fees typically collected during the summer. An appropriation increase of \$40,834 in the General Fund Group, and \$9,166 in the Tidelands Operating Fund Group in the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department, is requested. The total appropriation increase of \$50,000 will be fully offset by revenues from LBUSD. All Program costs will be reimbursed by LBUSD and includes the City's costs for staff, materials, and supplies. 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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APPROVED:

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