



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE



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## RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the American National Red Cross for the use of City of Long Beach-owned facilities as shelter sites during emergency events, for a term of five years, with one, five-year renewal option at the discretion of the City Manager or his designee. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

On May 10, 2005 and October 12, 2010, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with the American National Red Cross (Red Cross) to allow the Red Cross the use of City of Long Beach (City)-owned facilities and grounds operated by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) as mass care shelters and/or evacuation centers in the event of an emergency. The current agreement between PRM and the Red Cross will expire on December 31, 2015. PRM would like to enter into a new agreement with the Red Cross to continue to allow the Red Cross to use City-owned facilities as shelter sites in the event of an emergency.

The Red Cross is a nonprofit humanitarian organization that provides emergency assistance to victims of disasters and emergencies through the provision of shelter, food, sanitation, and disaster recovery assistance. Under the City's emergency plan, PRM has the primary responsibility to provide for the basic human needs of residents in park facilities that have been identified as emergency shelter sites. The proposed agreement will authorize the Red Cross to utilize City-owned facilities for the purpose of providing emergency shelter to persons affected by disasters. While the Red Cross agrees to reimburse the City for City-owned supplies used during the emergency, the City agrees to provide and pay for staff needed beyond the normal operating hours of the City facility.

The Red Cross has surveyed the parks listed below and would like to use these parks as shelter sites in the event of an emergency.

### Emergency Shelter Sites:

Bixby Park, 130 Cherry Avenue  
Cesar E. Chavez Park, 401 Golden Avenue  
El Dorado Park West, 2800 N. Studebaker Road  
Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Avenue

Long Beach Senior Center, 1150 East 4th Street  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Avenue  
Ernest S. McBride, Sr. Park, 1550 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue  
Recreation Park, 4900 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Silverado Park, 1545 West 31<sup>st</sup> Street  
Veterans Park, 101 East 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
Wardlow Park, 3457 Stanbridge Avenue  
Whaley Park, 5620 Atherton Street

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Kendra L. Carney on June 1, 2015, and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on June 2, 2015.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 23, 2015, so that the agreement with American National Red Cross can be executed in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT

Outside of an emergency event, there is no fiscal impact associated with the proposed agreement. However, in the event of an emergency, PRM agrees to provide a minimum of one staff person, per City-owned facility, who will be needed to operate the facility beyond the normal operating hours. PRM will be responsible for the maintenance of the facility; however, the Red Cross will reimburse PRM for City-owned supplies used during the emergency. The City may be able to apply for government reimbursement of emergency costs, depending upon the federal or state government's designation of the emergency. There is no impact to jobs associated with the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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