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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a Second Amendment to Cooperative Agreement No. 24560 between the Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation and the City of Long Beach to extend the term ten years with an additional five-year option to renew. (District 8)

DISCUSSION

On May 7, 1996, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) between the Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation (Foundation) and the City of Long Beach that established roles and responsibilities of both entities with regard to Rancho Los Cerritos (Rancho). The Rancho is a National and State historic landmark, noted for both its architectural and historical significance. The Foundation was formed for the specific purpose of raising funds for planning, programming, marketing, restoration, preservation, and new construction at the Rancho in order to strengthen its educational and historical value. Funds raised by the Foundation are intended to enhance funding from the City and are dedicated to the sole support of the Rancho. In May 2001, the five-year Agreement was renewed for another five years.

The Foundation has operated since 1994 and currently has assets over \$1 million. Accomplishments include raising more than \$2 million since its inception, awarding grants to support educational projects, developing grounds restoration projects, and establishing a permanent endowment for the site. During this time, significant projects have been completed, including the development of a comprehensive master plan for the site. Extending the term of the Agreement will support the Foundation's efforts to secure additional funds from private, corporate and foundation sources for master plan projects.

The Foundation also has a facility use permit for the site which is a companion document to the Agreement. The permit allows the Foundation to use the site to conduct meetings and to hold events and activities related to the purpose for which the City was given the property.

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This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on August 1, 2006, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 1, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 15, 2006, to enable the execution of the Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the proposed action. Without the Agreement and the work of the Foundation, however, the City's ability to maintain the site would be greatly diminished. Funds raised by the Foundation are intended to enhance funding from the City and are dedicated to the sole support of the Rancho.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER