

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: December 3, 2001

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO WORK COOPERATIVELY TO SUSTAIN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, AS APPROVED BY THE PUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION ON OCTOBER 27, 2001

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) adopted by the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Education on October 27, 2001, with the purpose that the City and District work collaboratively to facilitate, sustain funding and expand safe programs for school-age children during non-school hours.

BACKGROUND

In response to a recommendation of the Charter Reform Task Force and as discussed by City Council and PUSD Board of Education at their joint meeting held August 1, 2000, the City Manager and Superintendent of PUSD Schools convened a Work Group on Sustaining After School Programs to explore means to "fully fund and maintain the important after school programs after the grants now in place run out" (Recommendation #48). The Work Group included representatives of the City, PUSD, local after school programs, related organizations and partners. After a series of meetings that included a review of various models and options to address this matter, the Work Group recommended that the City Council establish an MOU with PUSD to:

... initiate a coordinated plan for the development and management of a financial resource strategy to assure that collaborative after school programs serving students and families in the PUSD geographic area will continue and expand beyond the expiration dates of grants and funding currently in place.

The Work Group further recommended that the City and District, as part of this MOU, jointly participate in Families United to Utilize Resources (FUTURES) as a non-profit organization to assist with the process of identifying and securing fiscal resources to sustain local after-school programs.

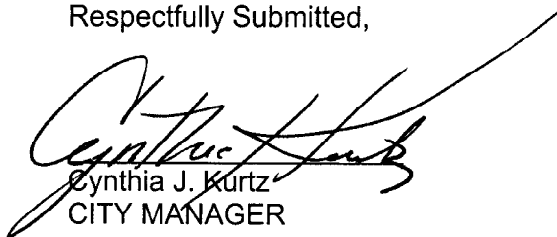
On August 6, 2001, City Council approved entering into an MOU with the Pasadena Unified School District for the purposes outlined above. At that meeting, Council recommended modifications to the membership of the FUTURES Board to assure greater representation of consumers and diversity in the advisory body membership. Pursuant to City Council action, the City Attorney's office drafted a proposed MOU consistent with the Council direction. On September 14, 2001, the City Manager transmitted that draft MOU to the Superintendent of PUSD Schools for appropriate action. On September 25, 2001, this matter was discussed at the Board of Education meeting, and additional information was requested. PUSD and City staff met on this matter on October 18, 2001, at which time PUSD indicated an interest to proceed with an MOU with the City to address collaborative efforts to sustain and expand the after school programs, but PUSD requested revision of the MOU to delete reference to FUTURES or any specific organization that would manage the resource development efforts. Accordingly, attorneys for PUSD and the City then drafted a revised MOU, which was discussed by the Board of Education as an information item on October 23, and approved by said Board on October 27, 2001.

The MOU approved by the Board of Education is included as Attachment A, and submitted for City Council action.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no funding required for this action; no fiscal impact is projected other than some staff time and assistance in identifying and pursuing funds to sustain after-school programs.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Attachment A