TO: CITY COUNCIL BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: JUNE 5, 2006

FROM: CITY MANAGER SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (PUSD) FOR GRAFFITTI REMOVAL ASSISTANCE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council and Board of Education take the following actions:

- 1. Approve the utilization of city graffiti removal services to PUSD for a hourly amount of \$26.16 with a two hour minimum on an as needed basis; and
- 2. Authorize the City Manager and Superintendent of Schools to execute an agreement to initiate this City graffiti removal assistance.

BACKGROUND

On February 27, 2006, the City Council approved Phase I of Initiatives developed by the City/School Joint Studies of Services and Programs Team. The School Board approved these same initiatives on March 14th, 2006. These 8 initiatives were designed to identify potential savings and improve efficiencies for PUSD, the City or both. At that meeting, the City Manager indicated that additional projects would be brought forward for approval and implementation as they were developed. The proposed graffiti removal assistance is one of these additional projects.

Concern has been expressed about students returning to their schools after the weekend to find it had been vandalized by graffiti. As the District does not have the capacity to respond to reports of graffiti over the weekend, assistance with graffiti removal can be offered by the City's Graffiti Abatement Team within the

Planning and Development Department to the District at an hourly cost for labor and equipment. The Planning and Development Department has requested as part of its FY2007 budget request an additional Maintenance Assistant for graffiti removal and truck/power washer equipment in order to continue meeting the City's performance goal of removing graffiti within 24 hours of notification. If approved, the additional resources would enable offering assistance to PUSD with graffiti removal.

City staff can provide graffiti removal assistance at a rate of \$26.16 per hour with a two hour minimum. As the workload allows, graffiti removal services would be available to assist on weekends in response to reports of graffiti at schools on the City's hotline or Monday mornings before school starts as District staff may require. The availability of the hotline number and graffiti removal assistance to the schools would be widely publicized to residents with assistance from the City's Public Affairs Office using In Focus and other appropriate means.

FISCAL IMPACT

Services would be provided by the City at \$26.16 per hour which covers direct cost to the City.

Respectfully Submitted,

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