

Agenda Report

DATE: August 2, 1999

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROPRIATION OF \$30,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE HUMAN SERVICES, RECREATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT TO FUND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR THE PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN (PSAC)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher appropriating \$30,000 from the general fund unappropriated fund balance to the Human Services, Recreation and Neighborhoods, Child Care Issues account #642400 to fund administrative costs for the Partnership for School Age Children.

BACKGROUND:

The appropriation of \$30,000 for the Partnership for School Age Children was discussed by the Finance Committee on June 28 and July 12 and forwarded to City Council for action.

The Partnership for School Age Children (PSAC) is an affiliation of nearly 60 agencies, including non-profits, schools, local government, community advocates and others, serving school age children throughout Pasadena and Altadena. The mission of the Partnership is:

... to maximize opportunities for children and youth, families and neighborhoods by facilitating the collaboration of public/private organizations, community representatives, and parents to ensure delivery of safe, educational, enriching, affordable, quality programs during non-school hours, focusing on school sites as service hubs and opportunity sectors.

The Partnership has been active for nine years, developing resources and coordinating activities for children on school sites during non-school hours. The Partnership recently worked with the local school district and others to secure three-year grants for school learning centers at seven elementary and middle schools. With the new Community Learning Centers and the need to develop sustained funding sources, as well as developing enrichment programs at dozens of additional school sites, the work of the Partnership has increased dramatically.

To date, the Partnership has functioned with volunteer leadership and limited City of Pasadena staff support. However, in order to move ahead with implementation and coordination of quality non-school hour programs throughout Pasadena and Altadena, the Partnership has requested \$60,000 to fund a staff support position to assist with their expanded responsibilities. The City of Pasadena and Pasadena Unified School District have conceptually agreed to jointly fund this position at \$30,000 each. Responsibilities of the position will include:

- Assisting with planning, developing and implementing programs;
- Providing staff support to the PSAC Executive Committee in areas such as funding, future growth, evaluation, child care and provider services;
- Assisting in maintaining liaisons among the City, School District, LA County, community-based organizations and the Pasadena LEARNS director.


Since 22% of the students served reside in Altadena, it has been proposed to LA County Supervisor Michael Antonovich that the County fund one-third of the position, reducing each jurisdictions participation to \$20,000. Until the issue can be addressed by the County, however, staff believes it is prudent to fully fund the position with available City and School District sources so that the programs can move forward. Should the County agree to the proposal at a later date, the City's participation will be reduced.

This position will be an employee of the PSAC, not the City of Pasadena. The funds will be distributed through the Human Services, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department, however, to provide limited oversight.

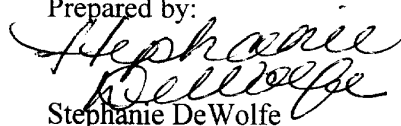
FISCAL IMPACT

Unappropriated general fund monies will be reduced by \$30,000 and the Human Services, Recreation and Neighborhoods budget, account #642400, will be increased by \$30,000.

Respectfully submitted,


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