

Agenda Report

Attention: Legislative Committee

TO: CITY COUNCIL

July 21, 1998

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: House Appropriations Subcommittee Vote to Eliminate Funds for Summer Youth Employment Program (Washington)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution and authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the appropriate officials to express the City's concern regarding the proposed elimination of funding for the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (Title IIB of the Job Training Partnership Act or JTPA). The Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (SYETP) is administered by the Foothill Private Industry Council (FPIC). FPIC is in the Career Services Division of the City of Pasadena, Human Services, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department.

BACKGROUND

On July 14th, 1998, the full House Appropriations Committee approved the FY 1999 Labor-HHS-Education spending bill. Under the draft bill, the \$871 million Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (SYETP) would end, with savings going toward other youth programs such as Job Corps. The Labor Department would receive a total of \$9.634 billion. The bill also phases out the School-to-Work program with total funding at \$150 million and cuts the Goals 2000 program to \$254.5 million. The bill passed the Committee on a 32-23 partisan vote.

The elimination of \$871 million for summer jobs will mean that approximately 400,000 young people nationwide who annually benefit from summer employment and academic remediation programs may go without such opportunities in 1999. The proposed cuts are part of a mammoth fiscal year 1999 funding bill for the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education. While funds from these programs will be used to pay for health research activities at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), according to the

subcommittee, virtually all Democrats and many moderate Republicans have already expressed their opposition to this proposal.

These cuts hurt the most vulnerable and most in need. We believe it is essential to advise members of Congress of our objections to pitting the funding for programs to help low-income persons against those for medical research, and request that they restore all funding for SYETP.

Staff recommends that a letter of support restoring full funding and the continuation of SYETP be forwarded to Representatives and members of the House leadership.

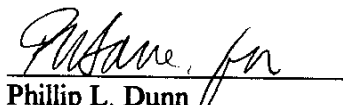
FISCAL IMPACT

The elimination of funding for SYETP would mean the local loss of approximately \$1 million dollars in program funding and the elimination of approximately seven hundred (700) summer jobs for low-income youth residing in Pasadena, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Monrovia and Duarte. Specifically, Pasadena youth would lose approximately five hundred (500) jobs.


Respectfully submitted,


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