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REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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STAFF REPORT
November 22, 2005

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Universal Preschool and the Mayor's Commission on Youth

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution allocating funding provided in the FY05-06 Budget to support the Universal Preschool and the Mayor's Commission on Youth Initiative

Contact: Ralph Pettingell, Recreation Division Manager 277-6173; Alan Boyd, Recreation Superintendent, 277-6077

Presenter: Ralph Pettingell, Recreation Division Manager 277-6173

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Recreation and Human Services

Organization No: 4724

Summary:

As part of the budget hearings for the FY05-06 Budget, the City Council approved funding to support the community-wide planning effort for the Universal Preschool and the Mayor's Commission on Sacramento Youth Initiative. These financial resources were included in the council's allocation of new General Fund support for additional programs for children and youth subject to certain economic conditions being met. This report outlines the initial steps to begin the planning process for the Initiative and allocates funding for this purpose.

Committee/Commission Action: The Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously endorsed this Initiative at their November 4, 2005 meeting.

Background Information:

In an effort for Sacramento to become the leader in the state and forerunner of the nation based on the implementation of Universal Preschool, the Mayor has embarked on the task of creating a youth-friendly city. In doing so, the Mayor's Commission on Sacramento Youth is being formed and will seek the participation of professionals and community members to recommend appropriate policies and actions that the City can undertake to further the opportunities for our city's youth, including access to safe places, caring adults, and opportunities to participate and learn relevant skills to be productive and contributing members of society.

The first initiative in this process will be to ensure preschool-age children in Sacramento have access to exceptional quality preschool programs. Currently, there are three major funding sources available statewide to implement preschool programs. Working with the Sacramento County Office of Education and First 5 Sacramento, the City will facilitate and support planning and implementation efforts to maximize this opportunity to serve all of our preschool-age children.

Financial Considerations:

Within the $900,000 approved for program expansion to children and youth, $75,000 was allocated to this Initiative for support of the effort including consultants and related materials and supplies. Initially, no new staffing is required, as existing City staff will be utilized to support this planning effort.

Environmental Considerations:

There are no environmental considerations with this report.

Policy Considerations:

This Initiative is consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability and with the Department's commitment to enhance and strengthen community and regional partnerships and expanding recreation opportunities for a specific population of the community.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): There are no ESBD considerations with this report.

Approved by: _____
Robert G. Overstreet II
Parks and Recreation Director

Recommendation Approved:
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ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

AUTHORIZING ALLOCATION OF FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON SACRAMENTO YOUTH AND UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL INITIATIVE

BACKGROUND

A. In June 2005, the City Council budgeted funds for a variety of additional programs serving children and youth and directed the staff to return with recommendations for program implementation.

B. The development and support of the Mayor's Commission on Sacramento Youth and the Universal Preschool Initiative were significant elements of this expanded effort on behalf of the City.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Of the $900,000 previously authorized for this purpose, $75,000 will be allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation's operating budget as follows to support the Universal Preschool and the Mayor's Commission on Youth Initiative:

101-450-4724-XXXX	Operating Costs	$75,000