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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: Support of an Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program (UPARR)
Grant Application for the Rehabilitation of Airport Little League Fields
#2 & #3**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Airport Little League Fields, 24th and 48th Ave.,
in Council District 5

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council direct staff to apply for rehabilitation grant funds in the amount of \$574,000 from the National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: February 26, 2002

SUMMARY:

The National Park Service's Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program (UPARR) is a competitive grant process, designed to fund a jurisdiction up to \$1,000,000 for urban park and recreation facility rehabilitation and/or for innovative recreation program/facility development. Rehabilitation of the Airport Little League baseball/softball fields will be a competitive project for this grant program. The grant application deadline is March 29, 2002.



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COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

The Parks and Recreation Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) approved this project for possible funding by the UPARR grant at its February 7, 2002 meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) program was established in November 1978, authorizing \$725 million to provide matching grants and technical assistance to economically distressed urban communities. The purpose of the program was to provide direct federal assistance to urban localities for rehabilitation of critically needed recreation facilities. The law also encouraged systematic local planning and commitment to continuing operation and maintenance of recreation programs, sites, and facilities. Only cities and urban counties meeting established criteria are eligible for assistance.

Three types of grants have been available through the UPARR program: Rehabilitation, Innovation, and Planning. At this time, only Rehabilitation grants are being offered. They provide capital funding to rehabilitate existing indoor and outdoor recreation facilities in physically and economically distressed urban areas.

To be eligible for Rehabilitation grant, a jurisdiction is required to maintain a current Recovery Action Program Plan approved by the National Park Service. The Recovery Action Plan serves both as a guide to local action planning and as a statement of a community's commitment to the revitalization goals of the UPARR program. The Recovery Action Plan for the City of Sacramento is the 1989 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The National Park Service was appropriated \$28.9 million for FY 2002 for rehabilitation of urban recreational facilities in distressed communities under UPARR. Each state can be funded a maximum of \$4,325,400. Each jurisdiction is limited to \$1,000,000 in requests with a 30% match. To ensure that the City of Sacramento was competitive within the UPARR program, projects had to be chosen that met the following criteria: First, the project must have been an identified facility within the 1989 Master Plan, and was identified as needing rehabilitation within that plan. Second, each identified project needed to have a 30% match available.

The rehabilitation of the fields at Airport Little League (Council District 5) was deemed to best meet the grant criteria. The facility resides within the urban core. With the help of the Sacramento Kings, one of the fields was completely rehabilitated in the Fall of 2000. The Airport Little League's Senior Field is in the greatest need of rehabilitation, as it is currently unusable. If successful in obtaining this grant, the majority of the funds would be spent to rehabilitate the Senior Field, and remaining funding would be used to improve the remaining field. There are matching funds available for this project.

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In the Department's report to City Council on January 29, 2002 entitled "Park Planning, Design and Development Projects - Status Report and Funding Needs through Fall 2004", the rehabilitation of the Airport Little League Fields #2 and #3 were identified as underfunded projects in the Division's workplan. If successful in obtaining this grant, staff will be able to fully rehabilitate and enhance the fields with no additional City funds.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

No funds are requested with this report. Renovation of the Airport Little League Fields #2 (or Senior Field) and #3 are current underfunded projects in the City's approved CIP (PN: LT32 & LT33). The current budget of \$246,000 will provide a 30% match for a total grant request of \$574,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

If these projects are funded, the environmental review work required under the California Environmental Quality Act will be completed.

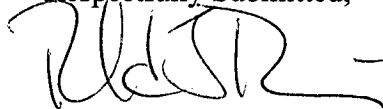
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Rehabilitation of the baseball/softball fields at Airport Little League is consistent with the city's strategic plan goals of enhancing and preserving neighborhoods and parks and recreation opportunities.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

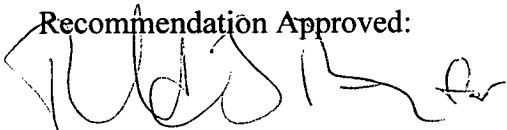
Not applicable as no goods or services are being procured as a result of the approval of the UPARR grant request.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Recommendation Approved:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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No GRANT DOCUMENT IN
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