

*City of*  
**SACRAMENTO**  
Parks and Recreation

January 27, 2016

Parks and Recreation Commission  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** Summer at City Hall Program

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Citywide / All Districts

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and comment

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**FOR COMMISSION MEETING:** February 4, 2016

**Summary**

Update on the Summer at City Hall Program. This program is open to high school students going into the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades from the Sacramento City Unified School District, Twin Rivers Unified School District, Natomas Unified School District, Elk Grove Unified School District, and the County of Sacramento Office of Education. One hundred students participate in the seven-week program with internships in local government and businesses. After completing the program, students receive five high school credits and a \$300 stipend.

**Background**

Summer at City Hall began in 2010 with just a mere 30 students from the Sacramento City Unified School District. The first 30 students attended a six-week summer program at Sacramento City Hall to learn about local government, careers in government, and how to advocate for community change. Students attended classes in the morning and internships in the afternoons. The program concluded with the students presenting advocacy projects to a panel of City Council Members and community leaders.

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In 2010, the first year of Summer at City Hall a partnership between the City of Sacramento, WayUp Sacramento, and the Sacramento City Unified School District was formed. In 2015, the fifth year of the program; over 100 students attended a seven-week summer experience at city hall including a leadership program on advanced advocacy skills. Partnerships with school districts have also expanded to include Twin Rivers Unified, Natomas Unified, Elk Grove Unified and the County Office of Education.

### **Next Steps**

Currently, the City of Sacramento, Neighborhood Services Department, Sacramento City Unified School District, Natomas Unified School District, Elk Grove Unified School District, and the Twin Rivers Unified School District are meeting on a monthly basis. Active recruitment of students is taking place on high school campuses in the four districts. All student applications are due on Friday, February 5, 2016. The 2016 Summer at City Hall will accommodate 100 students and begin on Monday, June 13, 2016. This partnership of the City of Sacramento, WayUp, and the school districts is looking forward to a fun filled educational summer.