

Resolution No. _____

APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

A Resolution of the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles (“Board”) concerning the Community Sponsorship Grant Program.

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2006, the Board of Harbor Commissioners adopted the Los Angeles Harbor Department Sponsorship/Hosting Policy (the “Policy”); and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2014, the Board of Harbor Commissioners received a presentation on the Harbor Department’s Community Investment; and

WHEREAS, a pilot program was implemented in 2013 to disburse \$50,000 of the Harbor Department’s Sponsorship budget, under which 27 applications were received and 14 grants were awarded; and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 is budgeted for fiscal year 2014/15; and

WHEREAS, over 200 local non-profit organizations provide services serving the San Pedro and Wilmington communities and have a need to expand their funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the number of requests for sponsorships from the Port of Los Angeles have increased to include new organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Harbor Department is committed to develop partnerships with all local non-profit organizations that provide community benefits consistent with the Departmental Purposes under the City Charter and Tidelands Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Harbor Department aims to be more strategic in its community support; and

WHEREAS, the Harbor Department has an interest in becoming more transparent with its sponsorships dollars without impacting operational sponsorships required by Business Development, Port Police or Engineering Divisions:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Harbor Commissioners resolves that;

- 1) The Harbor Department will allocate a portion of its sponsorship budget for grant based sponsorships consistent with rules and requirements of the existing Policy.
- 2) Any non-profit organization with a project serving a community within the Port vicinity that is consistent with the Policy may submit an application in one or more

of the following award categories: Small Grants (under \$5,000), Medium Grants (\$5,000 to \$99,000) and Large Grants (over \$100,000);

- 3) The Port of Los Angeles will hold two rounds of grants each fiscal year.
- 4) The grant based sponsorship program will begin in fiscal year 2014/2015 and will continue every year unless directed otherwise by the Board of Harbor Commissioners;
- 5) Grants may be announced at a public meeting of the Board of Harbor Commissioners;
- 6) Staff will report back to the Board of Harbor Commissioners annually on the status and performance of the Community Sponsorship Grant Program; and
- 7) The Board of Harbor Commissioners approves and formally adopts this resolution authorizing the implementation of a Community Sponsorship Grant Program.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held on _____.

AMBER M. KLESGES
Board Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

April 10, 2014
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