COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"
Russ Guiney, Director

June 13, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FOR
VAL VERDE COUNTY PARK
(FIFTH DISTRICT – THREE VOTE MATTER)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept a monetary donation in the amount of $16,900 from the Val Verde Community Benefits Funding Committee to fund special events, trips, refreshments, program supplies and equipment for Val Verde County Park.

2. Instruct the Mayor to prepare and send an appropriate letter of appreciation to the Val Verde Community Benefits Funding Committee.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In accordance with County policy, donations with a value in excess of $10,000 require acceptance by your Board. The Val Verde Community Benefits Funding Committee is providing a donation of $16,900 which exceeds this amount. Approval of the above recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept the donation in support of programs at Val Verde County Park.

Val Verde County Park is a valuable resource for recreation programs. The Val Verde Community Benefits Funding Committee, a non-profit organization, is donating funds to supplement existing programs by funding special events, trips, refreshments, program supplies and equipment in support of the park.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Acceptance of the donation supports the County's Strategic Plan Goals: 1. Service Excellence by improving services to the public, 4. Fiscal Responsibility by contributing to efforts that enhance management of financial resources, and 5. Children and Families' Well-Being by working with community based organizations and investing in public infrastructure to better serve the constituents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The one-time monetary donation of $16,900 will supplement existing recreation programs by funding special events, trips, refreshments, program supplies and equipment in Val Verde Park.

Operating Budget Impact

Upon approval, the monetary donation will be deposited in the Department's Special Recreation Fund. The Department's Fiscal Year 2005-06 Adopted Budget included sufficient appropriation in the Special Recreation Fund for the subject purchases. Therefore, the provision of special events, trips, refreshments, program supplies and equipment, funded by this donation, will not impact the Department's Operating Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Approval of the recommendation to accept the monetary donation is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the action is not a project because it has no potential to result in a direct or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. (State CEQA Guidelines section 15378)

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

State law authorizes acceptance of gifts for specific County purposes in Government Code Section 25355.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The donation by the Val Verde Community Benefits Funding Committee constitutes a one-time effort by the organization to assist the Department in support of the park, thus enhancing the recreation experience of the community.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to send an appropriate letter of appreciation to:

Mr. James Stevens
Val Verde Community Benefits Funding Committee
30133 San Martinez Rd. #A
Val Verde, California 91384

In addition, please send a conformed copy to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Guiney
Director

cc: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer