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Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA
Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPTANCE OF AN IN-KIND DONATION OF SERVICES AND SUPPLIES FOR THE DESIGN AND CREATION OF ARTWORK FROM THE ART OF ELYSIUM TO THE LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER
(FIRST DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request approval to accept an in-kind donation of individual artworks as well as services and supplies for the design and creation of painted murals and individual artworks from the Art of Elysium to the LAC+USC Medical Center.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD

1. Authorize the Director of Health Services, or his designee, and the Director of the Arts Commission to accept, with appreciation, in-kind donations of services and supplies from various artists for the design and creation of painted murals and individual artworks valued over $10,000 from the Art of Elysium (Elysium) to LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC MC) to create a child-friendly environment in the pediatric areas. Prior to acceptance, each proposed mural and individual artwork will be reviewed and evaluated according to the Arts Commission's procedures for the acceptance of gifts of artwork as established and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

2. Authorize the Executive Officer to send a thank you letter (Attachment I) to Elysium for their very generous in-kind donation of services and supplies by various artists for the enhancement of the LAC+USC MC environment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

County Fiscal Manual Section 2.4.2 authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of $10,000 with Board approval. Acceptance of this donation is consistent with Government Code Section 25355, which allows your Board to delegate authority to a

County officer to accept a donation to the County. Additionally, procedures for the review and acceptance of gifts of art were established as part of the Civic Art Policy approved by your Board on December 7, 2004.

Elysium, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1997, encourages working actors, artists and musicians to voluntarily dedicate their time and talent to children who are battling serious medical conditions. It gives hospitalized children and children with chronic disease a creative voice to discover a sense of individuality and self-efficiency. In return, artists who have stepped outside their normal scope of work are enriched by the experience.

Approval of the first recommendation will allow the Director, or his designee, to accept the current donation of services and supplies from various artists for the design and creation of art as well as individual pieces of art from Elysium, a charitable/philanthropic organization, to LAC+USC MC. Elysium will enlist the creative talents of artists to create an environment that is designed to benefit the children who are seen at LAC+USC MC. The value of the project is an estimate of the artists' time and the necessary supplies.

Approval of the second recommendation will authorize the Executive Officer to send a thank you letter to Elysium for their generous in-kind donation at the onset of the project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Community and Municipal Services, and Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This is an in-kind donation. There are no net County costs involved in this action. LAC+USC MC staff will install the artwork as necessary as part of the scope and course of their normal duties.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Elysium's Visual Imagery and Environmental Wellness (VIEW) project for LAC+USC MC will begin in the children's acute care unit and is valued over $10,000. Upon approval of the LAC+USC MC Chief Executive Officer, Elysium volunteer artists will paint specific areas. The next phase of the VIEW project is the creation of an appropriate children's environment in the children's clinics. All volunteers will adhere to all the standard LAC+USC MC volunteer requirements to be on premises and sign a waiver of liability.

In addition, Elysium and a panel of art advisers and curators will facilitate donations of works of art by contemporary artists through the support of individual donors and corporate sponsors. They have estimated all the installations to be completed approximately two years from the start date. The Arts Commission and the LAC+USC MC's Art Council will approve all proposed donations prior to project start-up and installation.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS

This generous donation will assist the LAC+USC MC in continuing its efforts to serve the residents of Los Angeles County. The inclusion of artwork in the pediatric areas of the hospital will create a more pleasing environment for patients, visitors and staff. There will be no negative impact on current Medical Center services.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

Laura Zucker
Executive Director
Arts Commission

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

Attachment I

February 15, 2011

Mr. Eli Consilvio
The Art of Elysium
3278 Wilshire Blvd., Penthouse
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Dear Mr. Consilvio:

At its meeting held February 15, 2011, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted, with thanks and appreciation, the Art of Elysium's very generous donation of design and artwork with an estimated monetary value of over $10,000 to create a child-friendly environment in the pediatric acute care unit and pediatric clinics at the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services LAC+USC Medical Center.

The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to the Art of Elysium for this very generous donation.

Very truly yours,

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER