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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ACCEPT SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS AND
IN KIND SUPPORT FOR FUTURE GREEN LEADERS SUMMITS UP TO \$75,000 ANNUALLY
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS – 3 VOTES)**

**~~CIO RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE (X) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATION (-)
DISAPPROVE (-)~~**

SUBJECT

The Internal Services Department (ISD) requests approval to accept donations from its Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) program to support its annual event, The Future Green Leaders Summit.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize ISD to accept donations up to \$75,000 from 2025 through 2031, annually, to fund the cost of its Future Green Leaders Summit (FGLS) events, subject to County budgetary guidelines and practices, in order to benefit middle school students by helping reduce the overall cost of these FGLS events.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow ISD to formally seek donations (sponsorships) to organize and support the FGLS, a conference for middle school students to educate and inspire them to consider future employment in the green economy. Sponsorships will be used to cover event-related costs, allowing the event to be free for students and participating schools.

FUTURE GREEN LEADERS SUMMIT

The FGLS is hosted by ISD through its SoCalREN program. The event is delivered in consultation with the County's Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and also supported by local government, private industry, and educational institutions, offering a no-cost immersive experience for middle school students interested in green career pathways.

As part of the County's Workforce Education and Training programs, ISD will be hosting the third annual FGLS on November 12, 2025. This annual event seeks sponsorships to offset costs for this year and for Summits held in future years, through 2031.

The FGLS targets middle school students in low-income, hard to reach, and disadvantaged communities from Title 1 schools. The goal is to introduce them to green career pathways in sustainability and clean energy. The FGLS will feature exhibition booths, speakers, and workshops, with hands-on activities and discussions about energy sector careers. We anticipate welcoming between 400-500 Middle school (6th-8th grade) this year, with similar attendance expected in subsequent years. The FGLS aims to provide a dynamic and inspiring experience that sparks curiosity and broaden awareness of green careers.

Program data shows that students entering high school often have fixed career interests due to early exposure, limited mentorship, and a lack of relevant curricula. The FGLS directly addresses these gaps by connecting youth with industry mentors, showcasing career pathways in the green economy, and providing hands-on learning opportunities. By engaging students early, FGLS supports the development of a diverse, future-ready workforce that will help drive the State's clean transportation goals and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

It is recommended that the County continue to strengthen its commitment to workforce training and education by supporting the FGLS on November 12, 2025, and in future years. By doing so, the County will help engage, expose, and challenge students to explore future career opportunities within the Energy/Green Sector of the economy.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports the County's Strategic Plan, North Star 2 (Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities), specifically Focus Area Goal D. Sustainability: OurCounty: The Los Angeles Countywide Sustainability Plan highlights that "preparing the workforce for transition is prioritizing the education of younger populations in career paths in a green economy, from renewable energy to ecosystem restoration." To meet this need for a skilled workforce in the State's growing clean energy field, we have a responsibility to help make LA County youth more capable and marketable by high school graduation. Specifically, the FGLS contributes to the County's sustainability plan goals of resilient and healthy communities (Goal 1) and supporting the transition to a green economy (Goal 4).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund or to net County costs because all program activities will utilize funding awarded from the California Public Utilities Commission and from sponsorships for this event.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the County's Fiscal Manual, Chapter 16 (Departmental Foundations/Support Groups), ISD will account for and report all County costs associated with supporting the event, monitor activities and spending to ensure alignment with public interest and County benefit, and report the event in the Department's annual donation report.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

ISD released a competitive solicitation under its Energy Support Services Master Agreement to acquire services to organize the annual FGLS. As a result of the competitive solicitation and after the evaluation process, the United States Green Building Council Los Angeles Chapter was awarded to provide the event services, including support for overall coordination and organization of workforce education & training events that could serve the greater good of the green economy.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The FGLS, hosted by ISD through its SoCALREN program, is an integral part of the County's commitment to workforce, education, and training. It supports the County, the Southern California Region, and the State in achieving important public goals – such as generating substantial, sustainable, and measurable energy savings; creating, green jobs; and promoting long-term economic stimulus.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board, it is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, return one stamped copy of the approved Board Letter to ISD.

Respectfully submitted,



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