



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Councilmember Liccardo
Councilmember Chu

SUBJECT: AQUATICS

DATE: May 21, 2010

Approved  Date 5-21-10

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

BACKGROUND

City-Council Initiated Neighborhood Improvement Reserve Fund/Other Budget Proposals

Program/Project Title: Weekend Summer Aquatics Programs for Alviso and Biebrach Pools

Amount of City Funding Required: \$40,000.00

Fund Type: General Fund

Anticipated Outcomes:

Within the \$500,000 Essential Services Restoration Fund created in the Mayor’s Budget Message, identify \$40,000 to keep at least weekend recreational swim open at Alviso and Biebrach pools. Both of these pools serve high-need areas, as identified in MBA #11 submitted by PRNS on May 20, 2010. In fact, they are listed as the first and third “highest needs” areas in the city.

Although PRNS has known for at least a year that the aquatics programs would be suspended, formal talks with potential service providers did not start in earnest until April. To compound matters, the suspension came as a surprise to residents because the summer aquatics programs had been advertised on the internet and was included in the spring Citywide Activity Guide. The very belated and rushed discussion of aquatics program suspension left the community--and us—facing only a few weeks to find sustainable alternatives to keeping the gates open.

Finding alternatives, including for-profit and non-profit providers, will take time and creativity. We have already been successful in finding partners for Fair and Rotary Ryland pools. With additional time, we believe we can realize the same success for Alviso and Biebrach. However, we need more runway to ensure that we can take off with sustainable alternatives to City management of these pools. In the meantime, families in the communities surrounding Alviso and Biebrach pools should have an affordable and safe recreational opportunity this summer.

Amount of City Funding Change: \$ 40,000.00

Fund Type: Essential Services Preservation Fund

Department or Organization: PRNS

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This change is:

One-time Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services