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Honorable Mayor Small and Members of the City Council of the City of Culver City:

Thank you for inviting the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission to send recommendations to the City Council on funding for new programs and capital improvement projects for the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services (PRCS) Department. PRCS is part of the core services that create the "quality of life in Culver City" by providing opportunities and safe places for recreational, developmental, and social activities. Our recommendations address PRCS facilities and programs that are available to all citizens and often used to capacity, with participants also coming from neighboring communities.

Thank you for providing funding for our request for a Turf Consultant in Fiscal Year 2018-2019. We anticipate that the consultant's report will be ready soon and expect to begin implementing some of the recommendations in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as the first part of a multi-year upgrade plan. We will present a future request once we have evaluated and prioritized the consultant's recommendations.

After review of the PRCS Department's preliminary proposed budget requests for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, the Commission recommends the following budget enhancements:

- Part-time Landscape Architect Consultant to manage improvement projects and park audits - \$50,000
- Replacement of rental equipment and furniture for the Veterans Memorial Complex which includes Veterans Memorial Building, the Senior Center and the Teen Center - \$50,000
- Replacement of broken and/or dated facility amenities such as refrigerators, televisions, computers, stove/ovens, etc. at all park facilities - \$25,000
- As part of a multi-year program, replacement of water fountains and Parcourse/fitness trail equipment - \$60,000 per year (goal of at least one park per year)
- Consultant to conduct community outreach and scoping process for replacing the Lindberg Park Playground and making other general improvements to Lindberg Park - \$50,000 (One-time enhancement)
- Consultants to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to inform and prioritize the long-term parks improvement plans - \$150,000 (One-time enhancement)

According to Dr. Hanaa A. Hamdi, Public Health Director of the Trust for Public Land, about 40% of health is determined by one's physical environment including public access to green spaces, outdoor recreation and community gardens. Parks and recreation facilities are the cornerstones to improving a community's quality of life and a major factor in enticing employers and workers to an area. It is imperative that PRCS continue to improve our grounds and facilities to meet the 21st century needs of our evolving Culver City community.

Respectfully submitted,

The Members of the Culver City Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission