# Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

**TO:** **HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: MAY 19, 2025**

**FROM:** **PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT:** **RECOGNITION OF 2025 COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA PARK AND RECREATION SOCIETY DISTRICT 11 AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET**

## ISSUE:

To recognize the 2025 Community Champions through the California Park and Recreation Society District 11 Awards & Installation Banquet.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Park and Recreation Commission:

1. Receive report on the California Park and Recreation Society District 11 Community Champion Award highlights; and,

2. Recognize the Department's 2025 Community Champions awarded at the California Park and Recreation Society District 11 Awards & Installation Banquet.

## BACKGROUND:

The California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) is an organization that extends throughout the state of California. District 11 covers Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The CPRS District 11 Community Champion Award celebrates the many ways community groups across the counties foster a sense of belonging in their community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities, and safe, accessible spaces to build meaningful connection within their community.

On March 27, 2025, the City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department submitted Community Champion Award nominees. The two nominees that were submitted were the Martin Luther King Senior Citizens Club and Feed Dem Kids. Both community groups are based on the Eastside of the city.

## DISCUSSION:

The Community Champion Award may be presented to a contributor of any parks and recreation agency within District 11. This award can be given to a couple or group, as well as an individual.

The recipient(s) should have distinguished himself/herself/themselves as a contributor(s) to any park and recreation agency within District 11. All nominees were recognized during the awards ceremony.

According to CPRS District 11, the 2025 Community Champion Award recognizes individuals and groups who exemplify the value that parks, and recreation programs bring to local communities and support their mission. Both of these community groups clearly demonstrate this commitment to service.
Examples of services to be recognized are:

1. Outstanding contribution to the field of park and recreation as a Commissioner, City Council Member, Community Group, or Board of Education Member.
2. Voluntary leadership in a park and recreation program.
3. Supporter of park and recreation programs and participants in social, cultural, service, or fraternal organizations.

The Mission of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is to provide innovative recreational experiences and social enrichment opportunities to address the changing needs of the people of all ages and cultures, in a variety of safe and attractive programs within the community. Both the Martin Luther King  Senior Citizens Club and Feed Dem Kids Community Groups offer a range of amenities for all ages and interests.

The CPRS District 11 recognizes the efforts of committed volunteers who produce quality programming and events and maintain quality programs within their cities and would like to recognize the 2025 CPRS District 11 Community Champions for their efforts: Martin Luther King Senior Citizens Club and Feed Dem Kids. The Department would like to thank them for their passion and dedication to the Department and residents.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation