



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JULY 14, 2015

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE JULY AS "PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER" MONTH AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE TEAM AND EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ISSUES:

Support the California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) and the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRSCD) by declaring July as "Parks Make Life Better" month. Additionally, in view of "Parks Make Life Better" month, present the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's Team and Employee of the Year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt attached Resolution supporting the California Park and Recreation Society "Parks Make Life Better" campaign;
2. Declare July as "Parks Make Life Better" month, and in so doing, urge all its citizens to use and enjoy its parks, trails, open space, facilities, and recreational opportunities; and
3. Accept the presentation of the Team and Employee of the Year.

BACKGROUND:

The California Park and Recreation Society created a state-wide branding campaign to be used by local park and recreation agencies. The goal of CPRS Parks Make Life Better!® branding campaign is to raise awareness of the benefits of parks and recreation throughout California and to raise the status of parks and recreation as an essential community service. When all 525 park and recreation agencies in California unite under one banner and communicate the key messages of the Parks Make Life Better!® branding campaign clearly and concisely, CPRS will reach the brand objectives of building loyalty for parks and recreation services, heightening the profession's bargaining power and independence, stimulating growth, attracting talented people to the profession, involving the public, and gaining greater resources and support.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department provides innovative recreational experiences and social enrichment opportunities and continues to address the changing needs

for people of all ages and cultures in a variety of safe and attractive parks, landscapes, and facilities. The City of Riverside proudly maintains over 50 parks with 13 community centers and 7 pools. The facilities offer an assortment of amenities for all ages and interests. From sports to crafts to language skills and dancing, Riverside definitely believes "Parks Make Life Better".

Annually, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department choose an employee who has been nominated by its peers to be Employee of the Year. For 2014, the employee chosen was Mayra Ocampo. For the first time, a Team of the Year was chosen by the Executive Team to be recognized for going above and beyond the department's standards and expectations; the 2014 Team of the Year goes to the Parks Division.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund.

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Attachment:
1. Resolution