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Memorandum

Date: September 14, 2017

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager

From: Marie Knight, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Grand Opening of the Walking Path at Ed "Pops" Davenport Park**

Mayor Robert Garcia, Councilmember Al Austin, and the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine and Public Works invite you and your staff to attend the grand opening ceremony of the walking path at Ed "Pops" Davenport Park, located at 2910 East 55th Way. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.

Davenport Park was named in memory of Long Beach Police Corporal Ed "Pops" Davenport, a man that made a positive difference in the City of Long Beach. During a distinguished 40-year career, Corporal Davenport worked on numerous assignments including patrol, motors, special investigations, and was a Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) member for more than 30 years.

Phase I of Davenport Park, which opened in 2006, provides a wonderful open space for people of all ages to relax and play. Phase I consists of a playground, sports field, and tot lot. The development of Phase II began in 2016 with site preparation. The new walking path is the first improvement identified in the conceptual plan developed by the community in partnership with Councilmember Austin. The new path is approximately 2,200 feet long, activating the newest section of the park.

The path cost approximately $238,000, with funding coming from Public Works' Proposition A and the General Capital Project funds.

For more information regarding the event, please call Gladys Kaiser, Manager of Community Recreation Services, at (562) 570-3150.

We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event.

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Attachment

cc: Charles Parkin, City Attorney
Laura Doud, City Auditor
Tom Modica, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Jackson, Deputy City Manager
Rebecca Jimenez, Assistant to the City Manager
Department Heads
Gladys Kaiser, Manager, Community Recreation Services

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and Public Works invite you to attend the

OPENING of the WALKING PATH AT DAVENPORT PARK

Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 11 a.m.

at Davenport Park

2910 E. 55th Way, Long Beach

For more information,
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