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To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager



From: Brent Dennis, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine



For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **S.T.R.O.N.G. Beach Updates - Extended Hours for Teen Centers**

An important component of this summer's [S.T.R.O.N.G. Beach: Summer of Opportunity and Violence Prevention Efforts](#), includes the expansion of programming for Long Beach youth through the extension of hours for teen centers. The following teen program sites will have summer program hours extended to 8:00 p.m. (an addition of two extra hours Monday-Friday) for the ten weeks of summer, concluding on Friday, August 23, 2024:

- Admiral Kidd Park (CD 7)
- California Recreation/McBride Park (CD 6)
- Jenny Oropeza Center/Cesar Chavez Park (CD 1)
- Freeman Community Center (CD 2)
- Doris Topsy-Elvord Community Center/Houghton Park (CD 9)
- Silverado Community Center (CD 7)

Activities offered to the teens will include arts and crafts, fitness and sports activities, music, table and board games, and movies. Funding for enhanced Community Recreation Services staff hours has been provided by City Manager Critical Reserves in the amount of \$65,000.

Hoops After Dark (HAD), funded through the Long Beach Recovery Act, exhausted its funding with this prior Winter Season. This funding was intended to cover a Summer season. However, at the request of HAD organizers, the City agreed to advance funding for Winter. To support summer activities, this expanded teen center programming is in lieu of HAD and has the potential to impact and engage over 1,500 teenage youth throughout the ten weeks of special additional funding at these six sites.

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