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BOARD REPORT

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: RUNYON CANYON PARK – EARLY CLOSURE FOR THE 2016 INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

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RECOMMENDATION

Approve a temporary modification of the operating hours of Runyon Canyon Park to close at 5:00 p.m. on July 2, 3, and 4, 2016.

SUMMARY

Our Nation's Independence Day is celebrated with a number of fireworks displays in the skies over Los Angeles. Runyon Canyon Park is a popular viewing area where many people gather on hill tops to view fireworks displays from afar. However, there is also the potential for people who gather to view legal fireworks displays to bring and discharge fireworks illegally in the park.

Illegal fireworks pose a potential fire risk to the various hillside and brush areas throughout the City, including Runyon Canyon. Due to the risk that these fireworks pose to the hillsides, it is therefore imperative that measures be taken to ensure that the public is safe from any potential fire danger. Therefore, it is recommended that Runyon Canyon Park be closed early on July 2, 3, and 4, 2016. Runyon Canyon's current hours of operation per Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 63.44 B.14(c), are "closed one hour after Sunset, and open one hour before Sunrise." Park Rangers and officers from the Los Angeles Police Department's Security Services Division plan to have units available to perform this early closure and to perform extra patrols until all fire danger from possible fireworks has subsided.

Council District Four, Region Operations staff, and Maintenance staff concur with this recommendation to temporarily modify the hours of operation at Runyon Canyon Park to close at 5:00 p.m. on July 2, 3, and 4, 2016.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This temporary change in hours of operation for Runyon Canyon Park may result in some overtime for Park Rangers, but will have no other fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund.

This Report was prepared by Joe Salaices, Superintendent, Griffith Region.