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August 07 2025  
BOARD OF RECREATION  
AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

**BOARD REPORT**

**NO.** 25-140

**DATE** August 07, 2025

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**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

**SUBJECT:** RANCHO CIENEGA PARK – DONATION OF PARK IMPROVEMENTS CONSISTING OF THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE OUTDOOR BASKETBALL AND HANDBALL COURTS AREA WITHIN MICHELLE AND BARACK OBAMA SPORTS COMPLEX AT RANCHO CIENEGA PARK PROVIDED BY THE LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS FOUNDATION AND TICKETMASTER – APPROVAL OF DONOR RECOGNITION SIGNAGE

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General Manager

Approved   X        Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_      Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Accept the completed park improvement project (Project) at Rancho Cienega Park's Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex, consisting of the resurfacing of the outdoor basketball and handball courts, installation of new fiberglass backboards and goals, replacement of existing perimeter concrete walkways, and installation of ancillary improvements within the site plan illustrated by Attachment 1 of this Report, valued at approximately \$110,000.00 as a donation from the Los Angeles Clippers Foundation and Ticketmaster (collectively, "Donors");
2. Approve the proposed sponsorship recognition signage (Signage) as illustrated by the sign rendering included herein as Attachment 2, to thank and acknowledge the Donors for their generosity;
3. Authorize RAP Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch (PMC) to issue a Right of Entry Permit (ROE) to Donors and/or their selected contractors or vendors, authorizing the installation of the Signage; and
4. Authorize RAP staff to make any necessary technical changes consistent with the RAP Board's intent in approving this Report.

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### SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Clippers Foundation has been a strong supporter of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) for many years, providing much needed funding and in-kind contributions towards various facility improvements and program support, including but not limited to the Late-Night Hoops adult basketball league and Junior Clippers youth programming. In 2018, the Clippers Foundation (Clippers) provided a donation to the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF) in the amount of \$10,000,000.00, to fund basketball court improvements at approximately three hundred fifty basketball courts (indoor and outdoor) at RAP parks. RAP worked with the Clippers and LAPF to complete the projects within a span of approximately three years. The improvements included the installation of new indoor flooring and scoreboards, resurfacing of certain outdoor courts, installation of new fiberglass backboards and new goals (indoor and outdoor), custom striping, and other ancillary improvements. The "Clippers Community Court" projects were implemented and completed by RAP pursuant to the terms and conditions of Agreement No. 3624 (Contract) with the Clippers and LAPF, which included the placement of the Clippers logo within the center court circle of the indoor courts and on the backboards of outdoor courts (Report No. 18-065).

Although the outdoor basketball courts at Rancho Cienega Park's Obama Sports Complex were slated to be improved with all the other Clippers Community Court projects, the work was delayed due to the Obama Sports Complex master project, which precluded work on the courts project until this broader project was completed. Following the completion of the master project, new fiberglass backboards were installed, but the outdoor court surface was not replaced at that time.

In response to this oversight, and due to the dire need for the court area to be improved, the Clippers partnered with Ticketmaster to fund and implement the court improvements before the Board today (Improvements) within the area of the park illustrated by Attachment 1 of this Report. The Improvements consist of the resurfacing of the outdoor basketball and handball courts, installation of new fiberglass backboards and goals, replacement of existing perimeter concrete walkways, and installation of ancillary improvements all valued up to approximately \$110,000.00. It should be noted that the previous court surface was cracked and weed-infested asphalt, which was replaced with concrete in accordance with RAP standards; concrete is much more durable than asphalt, and RAP staff anticipates that the material will last for many years to come. The plans and specifications based on RAP's guidance and input were approved by Planning and Construction staff, and courts design approved by West Region Recreation Staff.

In recognition of the Donors' generosity, Staff recommends the Board's approval of the sponsorship recognition signage as illustrated by the rendering included herein as Attachment 2 (Signage). The proposed Signage conforms with the RAP Sponsorship Recognition Policy guidelines and adheres to City sign laws. The Improvements, which did not expand the previous courts footprint or change the scope of use, were completed in June and a soft opening event held on June 18, 2025, which included a ribbon cutting and basketball clinic with youth from the Obama Sports Complex. Photos of the completed court improvements are included herein as Attachment 3. The proposed Signage has not been installed pending the Board's approval. Upon receipt of the Board's approval, the Clippers will install the Signage at their expense.

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### TREES AND SHADE

The Project did not have any impact on existing trees or shade at the park.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Project had no adverse impact on RAP's General Fund as the Project has been donated and installed by the Donors at no cost to the City or RAP.

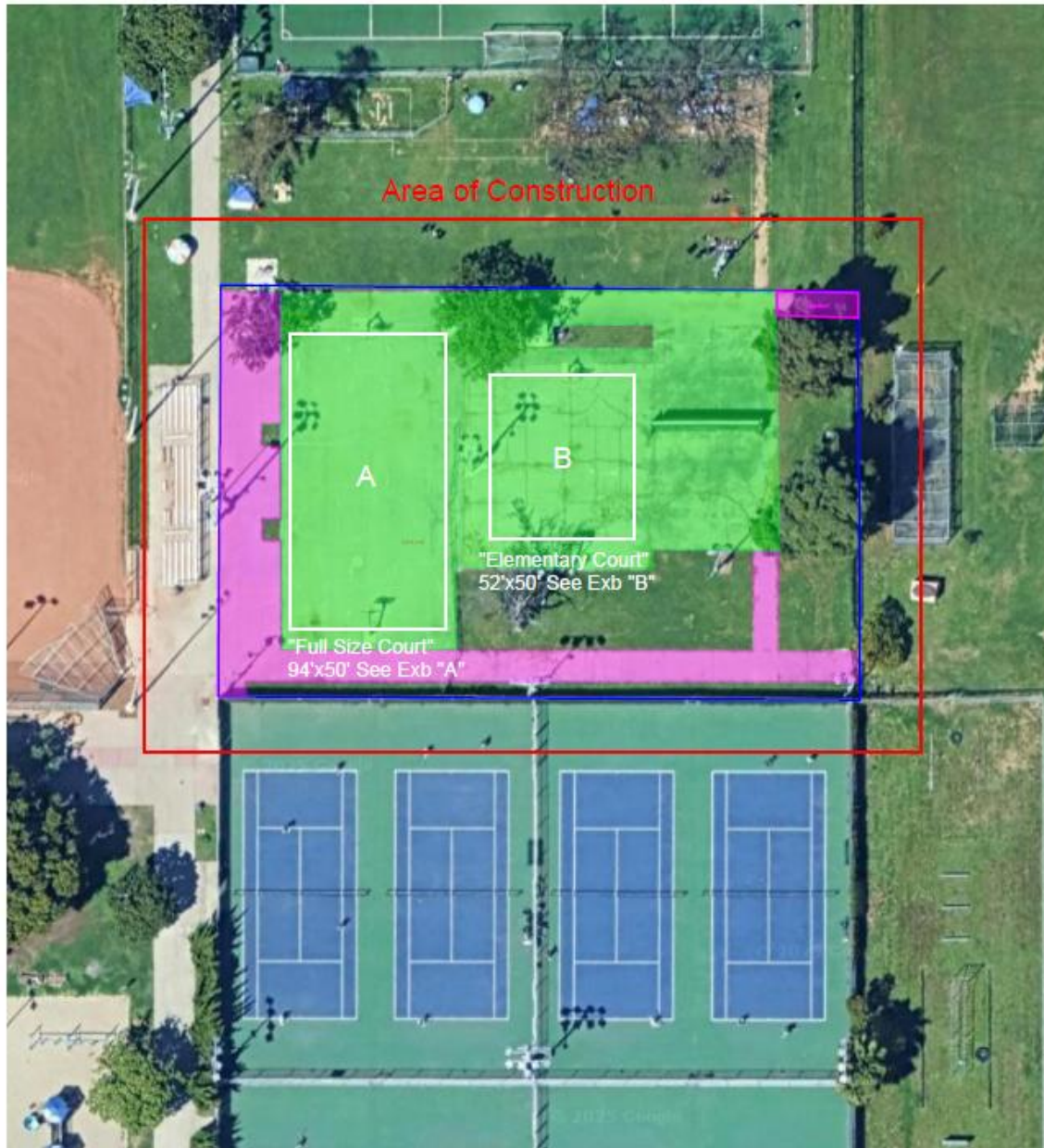
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### List of Attachments:

1. Project Site Plan
2. Proposed Recognition Signage
3. Photos of Completed Improvements

**Rancho Cienega Park  
Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex**

**Outdoor Courts Are Site Plan**



**LEGEND:**

Blue: Proposed Temp. Fence  
Pink: R/R Concrete  
Green: R/R Asphalt to Concrete

Rancho Cienega Park  
Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex

Outdoor Courts Recognition Signage



**THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE LA CLIPPERS AND TICKETMASTER FOR THEIR  
GENEROUS DONATION OF THE RESURFACING AND REFURBISHMENT OF  
THIS BASKETBALL COURT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.**

***ticketmaster***



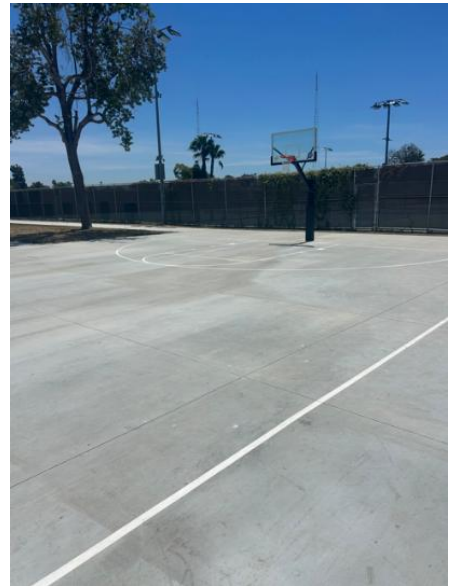


**Rancho Cienega Park  
Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex**

**Completed Court Improvements**



**Large Court**



**Handball Court**



**Small Court**