

Council Meeting of  
February 28, 2006

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: Supplemental Material to Council Agenda Item 7J.**

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

This item deals with playground equipment replacements at two city parks, and the apparent discrepancy between the funding available and the true cost of the project. Since FEAP 339 was established in 2002, costs have increased significantly. The costs for playground equipment purchase and installation have risen from \$75,000 to approximately \$100,000 per site. Under the FEAP, \$37,500 was to come from General Fund and the match would come from Parks and Recreation Open Space Fund. This method would have provided a yearly balance for project use, or could be aggregated over time for larger playground replacements. However, playground equipment replacements have occurred more frequently than anticipated in 2002. A major cause is due to the equipment vendor discontinuing parts and support for models installed in several Torrance parks.

It is anticipated that the Community Services Department will renew FEAP 339, and that the aggregate cycle will catch up in 2008 after at least two, possibly four, parks have equipment replaced. Due to the increase in equipment costs to \$100,000 annually, the department may request the FEAP be adjusted to match with 50% from Open Space Funds and 50% from General Funds.

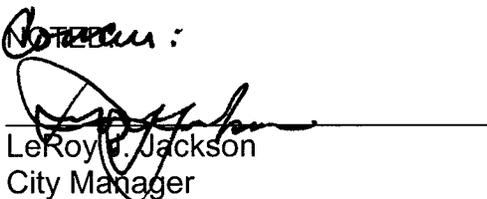
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