



## **CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT**

**Meeting Date:** March 4, 2008  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** Steve Miller, Director of Community Services  
**Subject:** City Council/Beverly Hills Unified School District Committee  
Meeting Summary Notes – February 13, 2008

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### **INTRODUCTION**

A City Council/Beverly Hills Unified School District Committee meeting took place on February 13, 2008 to review the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and discuss the terms for its renewal.

Attendees included: Vice Mayor Brucker; Councilmember Fenton; School Board President Demeter; Board Member Lurie; City Manager Wood; Superintendent of Schools McVeigh; Chief Assistant City Attorney Diaz; Director of Community Services Miller; Chief Financial Officer Miller; Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Plotkin; Assistant Director of Community Services Agnitch.

### **DISCUSSION**

An overview of the Joint Powers Agreement funding since 1978 was presented. Funding in comparison to the City's Consumer Price Index increases throughout the years was reviewed, in addition to a comparison to percentage increases projected by School Services of California which is based upon Cost of Living Adjustments. It was determined that there are discrepancies in calculating budgetary impacts between the City and School Services.

Board President Demeter provided an overview of the school facility improvements that have been implemented in the past several years. It was pointed out that the City and community has benefited from these enhancements through the JPA which includes use of the new Science and Technology Center, High School athletic field enhancements, upgraded play equipment and surfaces, improved facilities for preschool and childcare programs, upgraded restrooms, enhanced library facilities, etc.

The City presented a list of a dozen proposed modifications to the current JPA for consideration. One recommendation included a reduction to the JPA, and a corresponding reduction in facility usage, should there be a decline in City General Fund

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revenues. The District would be given ample notice if this was to occur. There was consensus on a majority of the recommended modifications, however, a few items will require further exploration including the District providing weekend staff to supervise playground use, establishing a synthetic turf replacement fund at all schools, and provision of parkway maintenance adjacent to the schools.

There was a brief discussion about the District's anticipated decline in enrollment in the next several years due to demographics and it was agreed that JPA funding would not supplement any District deficiencies that may be caused by a decline in school enrollment. The District is creatively thinking about additional funding sources to supplement their budget.

A subsequent meeting will be scheduled within the next few weeks to continue discussions regarding the renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement.

Steve Miller

Approved By

