



**PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 25, 2022

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**SUBJECT: AFFIRM STREET SAINTS IS A UNIQUELY QUALIFIED SERVICE PROVIDER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AT SUNSET COMMUNITY CENTER**

The purpose of this Memorandum is to request the City Manager establish that Street Saints is uniquely qualified to provide services at Sunset Community Center (Sunset), located at 1345 W. Eden Ave, Fresno, CA 93706 in West Fresno.

Street Saints is a non-profit corporation established in 2002 with a mission to restore Fresno to a safe and healthy community. Street Saints has developed programs for youth to build resiliency and promote healthy choices in education, social situations, family and employment. Street Saints offers programs for young adults designed to empower and train area residents to become community leaders. Street Saints has been nationally recognized for the success of their after-school program.

On November 18, 2010, the City entered into a Lead Agency Operation agreement of Sunset Community Center with Street Saints for programming. The initial term of the agreement was three (3) years, with two (2), one-year (1) extension options. Upon expiration of the initial terms and available extensions, on August 1, 2015, the City entered into an Operational Services Agreement to be the Lead Agency Operator of Sunset Community Center with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (Fresno EOC) as the fiscal and administrative sponsor for Streets Saints to provide programming. The initial term for the agreement was three (3) years, with two (2), one-year (1) extension options. In 2019, an amendment to the agreement extended the term to 2024. Effective July 1, 2022, Street Saints separated from Fresno EOC to continue their work as a standalone non-profit organization and the agreement with the City was terminated at the request of Fresno EOC. Street Saints has requested to continue providing programming at Sunset

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Community Center under the fiscal and administrative sponsorship of HandsOn Central California as part of a capacity building partnership expected to last approximately one year.

Street Saints is a qualified service provider that has worked to build relationships and a safe environment for students and their families. The PARCS Department has evaluated the public benefit of entering into service agreements across several centers, assessing the history of services provided, community need for wrap-around supports as part of pandemic recovery efforts, and PARCS' future direction at Sunset. As part of this evaluation, staff recognized that Street Saints has built long standing relationships by providing services that are key to the social, emotional, health and economic wellbeing of West Fresno residents. Based on this information, PARCS staff recommends the City enter into a Service Agreement with HandsOn Central California to allow Street Saints to continue offering services at Sunset for a one-year term, ending June 30, 2023.

Under the proposed agreement, Street Saints will be responsible for providing services to the community which complement the recreational programming offered by PARCS. The PARCS Department is currently offering programming alongside the work done by Street Saints. The contract term of one-year will act as a transitional period to allow PARCS to increase the Department's programming at the center. After the transitional period, PARCS intends to fully reoccupy and operate programming.

Street Saints has built relationships, formed cross-sector collaboratives and become attuned to the supports and services desired by the community living in West Fresno. For these reasons, staff request the City Manager find Street Saints uniquely qualified to provide community services during a final transitional period at Sunset Community Center.

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Georgeanne A. White, City Manager

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