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NEWPORT BEACH

PB&R Commission Staff Report

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TO: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

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TITLE: Community Service Award- Karen Yelsey

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission approve the Community Service Award recognition of Karen Yelsey to be awarded at a future Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The Community Service Award is presented by the PB&R Commission in the spirit of showing their appreciation to those individuals who contribute to the community and improve the quality of life in Newport Beach.

An application was submitted to recognize Karen Yesley for her leadership, service and contributions to the community through the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD), and Newport Beach Police Foundation (NBPF) over the last four decades (Attachment A).

Karen Yelsey's impact to the community started as a PTA volunteer and evolved from PTA President to NMUSD Board Member. Serving as a NMUSD Board Member for 16 years, including 4 years as President, Karen was an advocate and active liaison for community programs such as Mayor's Youth Council, Spirit Run and Newport Beach Hometown Special Olympics. Over the years, she was instrumental in many NMUSD accomplishments including the School Resource Officer partnership with Newport Beach Police Department (NBPD) to ensure student and campus safety. After retiring from the

NMUSD school board, Karen also joined and chaired the NBPF Board, generating funding to support community outreach and internal NBPD programs.

Per the Community Service Award guidelines, this item is being brought forward after receiving unanimous support by the PB&R Commission Community Service Award Ad Hoc Committee.

NOTICING:

This agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the Commission considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Parks, Beaches & Recreation Community Service Award Nomination Form