



City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 18, 2018
TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager
FROM: Pedro Jimenez, Community Services Director
SUBJECT: **Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing A Contribution Of \$10,062 To The Gilman Fields Joint Powers Authority For Turf Replacement Project FY2018 And Appropriating \$10,062 From The General Fund To Account 5460-88900**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council of the City of Emeryville consider contributing \$10,062 to the Gilman Fields Joint Powers Authority for turf replacement and, if approved, appropriate \$10,062 from the General Fund to account 5460-88900.

BACKGROUND

In 2003, due to a shortage of playing fields, the five East Bay cities of Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, and Richmond worked together to seek funding as a regional group to develop new sports fields. All five cities agreed to enter into a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) to develop, operate, and maintain the Gilman Street Playing Fields. On November 18, 2003, the City of Emeryville authorized the City Manager to sign the JPA (Resolution No. 03-175).

In 2004, a second agreement among the cities was adopted to initiate planning, development and management of the sports fields and, in 2006, the cities adopted a third agreement that enabled the City of Berkeley to enter into a 25-year lease with the East Bay Regional Park District to develop and manage the property (Resolution No. 04-190). The agreement also committed each city to contribute \$15,000 per year for the 25-year term of the lease to cover replacement of capital improvements on the field including the synthetic turf, and to make up the difference in expenses not covered by revenues collected from user fees. The cities' annual contributions are not based on usage or population.

Since opening in 2008, the Gilman Sports Fields Complex has greatly expanded opportunities for sports for youth and adults throughout the five JPA cities. The demand for the facility is constant, leading to fully scheduled fields throughout the year, and providing a capacity of over 365,160 player hours per year, rain or shine.

In 2017, the JPA undertook a project to replace the turf, funded by the JPA's capital reserve account. The account ultimately encountered a shortfall for the project of approximately \$450,000. The City of Berkeley requested that the City of Emeryville contribute \$16,867 to the JPA for the shortfall, using Emeryville's population to generate its proportionate share of the cost. On June 6, 2017, the City Council did not take action on that request.

On November 9, 2018, the City received a renewed request from the City of Berkeley to reconsider a contribution to the turf replacement project. The dollar amount of this request is based on usage of Gilman fields by City of Emeryville residents as tracked by Berkeley through scheduling of the fields. Berkeley indicated that Emeryville's usage was 2.24% of the total usage by residents of JPA member cities, and thus derived a requested contribution of \$10,062. The information below reflects the usage of the fields by residents of JPA member cities, as well as non-residents.

JPA City	No. Players	% of JPA Tot
Albany	1,000	13%
Berkeley	3,696	50%
El Cerrito	1,059	14%
Emeryville	167	2%
Richmond	1,531	21%
JPA Tot	7,453	100%
JPA Total	7,453	73%
Non JPA Total	2,730	27%
All Total	10,183	

FISCAL IMPACT

Using an allocation method based on percentage of use by residents of JPA member cities, the City of Emeryville contribution would be \$10,062. Funds from the General Fund salary savings would need to be appropriated to account 5460-88900.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

There was no staff communication with the public.

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**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft Resolution
- City of Berkeley Memo