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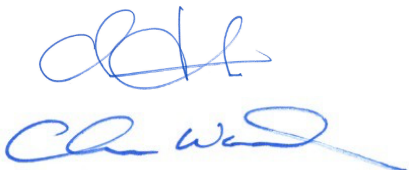
**M E M O R A N D U M**

**DATE:** October 1, 2020

**TO:** Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer

**FROM:** Councilmember Chris Cate  
Councilmember Chris Ward

**SUBJECT:** Request to Expand Executive Order 2020-10 to Include Non-Fitness  
Recreational and Day Camp Activities and Businesses



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As the State of California continues to require limitations on indoor operations for businesses across many sectors due to COVID-19, more must be done to ensure businesses and organizations have alternative outdoor options to continue operating in the City's communities.

We were pleased that on August 18, 2020, an Executive Order was issued to expedite permits and waive permit fees for businesses and organizations to operate gyms, fitness classes, and religious services in our City parks.

However, the impacts of COVID-19 and the indoor operation restrictions have been felt by other similar types of operations and uses that were not included in the Executive Order. We have seen examples of non-fitness related recreational classes and day camp programs not qualifying for permit fee waivers because they do not fall under fitness related activities or religious services as described in the Executive Order.

Programs and operations which involve activities, such as arts and crafts, language classes, chess clubs, and other similar non-fitness related recreational activities and day camps should be included for expedited permitting and permit fee waivers. The City should be doing everything within its power to provide these types of programs and operations that have been impacted by COVID-19 the ability to operate safely outdoors in public parks without requiring a long permitting process or burdensome fees.

For these reasons, we are requesting that the City evaluate options to expand on Executive Order 2020-10 to include businesses, programs, operations, which involve non-fitness related recreational activities and day camps that have been impacted by COVID-19 indoor restrictions, and provide them with the same streamlined permitting process and permit fee waiver already provided to gyms, fitness classes, and religious services.

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