



## **CITY OF MENIFEE**

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SUBJECT: Adaptive Sports Summer Programs

MEETING DATE: May 1, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Review and provide direction to staff on the potential implementation of Adaptive Sports Programs for Summer 2024.

### **DISCUSSION**

On February 7, 2024 the City Council requested the opportunity to discuss the potential for implementing an Adaptive Sports Program for Summer 2024. This request followed the successful implementation of the inaugural Adaptive Sports Fair on Saturday, February 3, 2024 where over 250 Meniffee residents of all abilities gathered at Spirit Park to learn about the various possibilities for adaptive sports and gather resources from local non-profit organizations.

Upon receiving this request, staff conducted research to identify existing programs to prevent the duplication of efforts and identify opportunities for enhancing current program offerings. Currently both Meniffee Union School District (MUSD) and Perris Union High School District (PUHSD) offer Extended School Year programs during the summer months for their special needs students.

In preliminary discussions with MUSD, the potential for partnership is a welcomed opportunity to collaborate and expand the type of programming offered to over 250 special needs students already registered for their summer program hosted at Evans Ranch Elementary from June 20 through July 19. Current programming focuses on academic enrichment and socialization where sports would be a welcomed addition to the weekly program offerings to encourage adaptability and collaboration.

PUHSD currently offers Pathways for Adult Life Skills (PALS) from June 11 through July 11 and would also be open to potential partnerships, however, the level of collaboration has yet to be determined.

As for City sponsored programs, the Mighty Me program offered at Lacy Creek Recreation Center is shifting from a bi-weekly to a weekly program this summer. This change will allow the existing music and art activities to be augmented with sports activities throughout the summer season.

To help meet the growing needs of Menifee families and alleviate long waitlists for Lazy Creek summer programs, funding for off-site summer camp programs was included in the FY2023/2024 and FY2024/2025 operating budgets. Due to the Santa Rosa Academy's expansion of their own summer programming, the Academy will be unable to accommodate City sponsored summer activities this year. Without a secured location for the off-site summer camp programs, this funding could be reprogrammed to augment the MUSD and PUHSD Extended School Year programs for special needs students this year.

Additional opportunities for expansion of adaptive sports outside of summer programs include:

- Partnering with MUSD in the Extended Learning Opportunities program as current special needs physical education does not exist during the after-school hours.
- MUSD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee meets monthly and would welcome Community Services Department staff as a resource through monthly presentations.
- Expanding both the Adaptive Sports Fair and MUSD's All-Star Field Day into a larger community-wide event.
- Host specialized clinics and camps in conjunction with the City's Flag Football and Youth Basketball leagues.

City staff are open to additional feedback and recommendations for the implementation of adaptive sports programming for Menifee residents.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE**

Community Engagement and Social Infrastructure

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Community Services Department would be able to support the enhancement of existing programs at MUSD and PUHSD within the Fiscal Year 2023/24 and 2024/25 adopted budget by utilizing funds designated for off-site youth summer programs. However, ongoing, or additional programs and events beyond the 2024 and 2025 summer programs could result in additional fiscal impacts that would need to be determined and budgeted for upon development.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None.