



MEMORANDUM

City of Angels City Council

Date: September 2, 2025
To: City of Angels City Council
From: Amy Augustine, AICP – City Planner
Re: **RESOLUTION 25-68 ESTABLISHING THE UTICA PARK FUND**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 25-68 establishing the Utica Park Fund.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The City of Angels completed a significant expansion and rehabilitation of Utica Park in 2024. The park will require ongoing maintenance and improvements, over time.

The City currently collects park and recreation impact mitigation fee paid by new development. However, per state law, those funds can only be used for the acquisition, construction, and development of park and recreation facilities that are directly related to the impact of the new development. Those impact mitigation fees cannot be used for routine maintenance or to address existing park deficiencies.

In short, the City does not have a mechanism for gathering, setting aside, or accumulating funding for ongoing maintenance or to address existing park deficiencies unless such funding is set aside using general funds or a grant is secured.

Recently, the city was approached by a local non-profit to help raise funds for shade structures at the park. The City does not have a fund established to receive those funds. Similarly, the City does not have a special fund to accumulate funding from donations, park reservation fees, or related programs to improve, add, or rehabilitate Utica Park facilities.

Currently, reservation fees for Utica Park facilities do not go into a separate park fund. While some of these fees offset general fund expenditures for ongoing cleaning; any remaining funding from these reservation fees returns to the general fund. To ensure that funds generated by the park can be accumulated and returned to the park for ongoing maintenance and park improvements over time, it is recommended that a Utica Park Fund be established to receive park reservation funds, donations, or funding from other sources. Such a fund could be used for matching funds for various grants, and to assist in planning park capital improvement and maintenance projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposal would not reduce revenues, but rather directs revenue already being collected towards Utica Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING:

The program does not meet the definition of a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and city and state guidelines for the implementation of CEQA and is, therefore, exempt from additional review.

ATTACHMENT:

A. Resolution 25-68