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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 11, 2020

To: California Exposition and State Fair Board of Directors

Via: Rick Pickering, CEO and General Manager

From: Tom Martinez, Chief Deputy General Manager
California Exposition & State Fair

Subject: Request by City of Sacramento to Temporarily Extend Trailer Operations at Cal Expo through February 2021

Background

The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to cause significant hardship for families, businesses and governments around the world, and particularly here at home in California. Following the lead of health officials and in the spirit of shelter-in-place orders, major event facilities including Cal Expo reacted quickly to cancel events in an effort to help lessen the spread of COVID-19.

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-33-20 and guidance from health officials, on April 24, 2020 the Cal Expo Board of Director's made the difficult decision to cancel the annual California State Fair. The State Fair was scheduled to take place July 17 – August 2, 2020. Phase Four of the Governor's reopening of the economy includes allowing some modified forms of event gatherings at an undisclosed point in the future. It is currently unclear at what point health officials will allow Cal Expo to host major events and what attendance will levels should be anticipated when major events do return.

Cal Expo relies solely on revenues from events and the annual State Fair to keep Cal Expo open and available for use by the public and by the State during emergencies. Revenues from events cover the payroll for State employees, all benefits and retirement

contributions for State employees, all insurances to protect the property and general liabilities, all utilities, all facility maintenance costs, Police and Security costs etc.

During emergencies in recent years, Cal Expo has supported the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Cal Fire, the California Highway Patrol, FEMA, and as of June of 2020, the National Guard. With the annual fire season in full swing, Cal Expo is already coordinating with Cal Fire and Cal OES to support more emergency operations for the region and the State. As a key emergency support facility, Cal Expo receives no rent when activated by the State to assist in emergencies.

In recent months, Cal Expo has been an essential part of the State and local government's emergency response to COVID-19. In concert with the State and County of Sacramento, Cal Expo is serving as a regional "COVID-19 Drive through Testing Facility" that is one of the largest in the State. Cal Expo was also selected for Sacramento's Isolation Trailer Facility, which provides 63 trailers for COVID-19 use by the City and County of Sacramento. The State recently utilized Cal Expo to house National Guard troops during a temporary deployment in the City of Sacramento. Earlier this month we hosted the California Medical Associations' regional PPE distribution event for local Doctors.

At the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic in CA, it was requested that we utilize land at Cal Expo to house an Isolation and Recovery Trailer Facility for the homeless population in Sacramento County that either had COVID-19 or were at risk of having it. This action was not presented to the Board as it was an emergency action that required prompt coordination on the parts of Cal Expo and the City and County of Sacramento. These trailers have been in operation on Lot 26 since the contract was signed in early April.

In June, the Trailer operations were extended to September 30, 2020. At our August Board meeting, the Board voted to further extend the contract with the City of Sacramento to extend the Isolation Trailer's until December 31, 2020. Sacramento County is currently part of the Governor's regional stay at home orders and needs facilities to safely house unhoused Sacramento residents.

Request

In the original agreed upon contract, the trailers would be located at Cal Expo until June 30, 2020 or within (7) working days of the COVID-19 emergency order being lifted by the County of Sacramento, whichever date comes first. The amended contract

extended the expiration date of the contract to September 30, 2020 and then to December 31, 2020. The Isolation Trailers no longer have COVID-19 patients and are in the process of transitioning to a warming center for women and children. The City and County of Sacramento would like to extend the Trailer contract for another 60 days, extending the agreement to February 28, 2021 to facilitate housing our unhoused women and children during the cold, winter months.

Recommendation

Staff respectfully recommends to approve the temporary emergency extension of the contract with the City of Sacramento through February 28, 2021, for the Trailer Facility and to execute an appropriate amendment to the contract.