TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATE: JUNE 10, 2002 CMR: 281:02

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF EVERYONE’S HOMEWORK AND ENRICHMENT CENTER IN THE PROPOSED SOUTH RESOURCE LIBRARY AT MITCHELL PARK

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that Council approve the Joint Use Cooperative Agreement with the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) for development of “Everyone’s Homework & Enrichment Center” in the proposed South Resource Library at Mitchell Park.

BACKGROUND
On May 20, 2002, Council approved the submission of a joint venture project of collaboration with the PAUSD, the Everyone’s Homework and Enrichment Center (EHEC) as part of the City’s application for funding from the State Bond Act (see CMR: 262:02). The EHEC proposal is to establish a place and a program providing a familiar and safe location after school for homework and enrichment activities outside the school library or classroom as a part of the planned new Mitchell Park Resource Library.

DISCUSSION
When Council reviewed the project concept last month, a draft legal agreement was attached to the CMR. Subsequently, the agreement wording has been finalized between the two parties (Attachment 1). The PAUSD Board took action approving the legal agreement on May 28, 2002. Council action is needed to submit a copy of the agreement with the City’s Bond Act application, due June 14.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS
In approving this agreement, Council is establishing a policy to continue the collaborative program with PAUSD for a minimum of twenty years and to operate the library for forty years.
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
In accordance with Bond Act guidelines and other requirements, this project is being reviewed per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Staff has prepared a MND for the Mitchell Park Library and Community Center project, which will be reviewed by Council on June 10, 2002.

ATTACHMENT
Attachment 1: Joint use cooperative agreement for development of “Everyone’s Homework & Enrichment Center” in the proposed South Resource Library at Mitchell Park.

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