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CC: Jim Sondermann, Mayor's office
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Re: Agreement on BJC Extension

Date: January 24, 2007

Per discussion our with members of the African American caucus, the Mayor's Office agrees to support the annual allocation of the \$1.6-million in general revenue freed up by the extension of the BJC lease.

Beginning in year two, \$1.2 million will be set aside for capital improvements in parks. Aldermen will submit proposals to the Parks Director, similar to the Metro Parks process. The Mayor's Office and the Director of Parks Recreation and Forestry will make every effort to ensure the fair and equitable distribution of funds, agreed to be at least 50% of the total amount available.

The Mayor's Office has also agreed to seek other funding to support capital improvements and recreational opportunities in Northside parks

Finally, the Mayor's office has agreed \$300,000 will be set aside for recreational programs for children to be administered by the Parks Director. \$100,000 will be set aside to give low-income children access to fee-based recreational programs located in the City of St. Louis.