



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** Request to Install a Born Learning Trail in Stephen Leonard Park

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider request by United Way of Merced County to install a Born Learning Trail in Stephen Leonard Park.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving the installation of a Born Learning Trail in Stephen Leonard Park.

### ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by staff (identify specific findings and/or conditions amended to be addressed in the motion); or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items (specific items to be addressed in the motion); or,
5. Continue to a future meeting (date and time to be specified in the motion).

### AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

### CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As it applies to Youth Programs.

### DISCUSSION

The United Way of Merced County has proposed installing a Born Learning Trail in Stephen Leonard Park. The Trail is 10 interactive signs in English and Spanish that encourage parents and their children to engage in fun learning activities. The activities are aimed at children ages 0 to 5.

The Born Learning Trail is being described as a pilot project with First 5 of Merced County because if this is well-received United Way would like to do other projects like it in other parks. Stephen Leonard Park was selected because it has a number of programs going on geared to 5 and under youngsters. There is no cost to the City.

The project was presented to the Recreation and Parks Commission at its August 28, 2017 meeting.

The Commission unanimously recommended the Council support the trails project.

**IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES**

No appropriation of funds is needed.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Request Letter from United Way of Merced County