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TO: Dr. Monty Sullivan
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THROUGH: Joseph F. Maria
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FROM: Anthony Brown
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DATE: November 18, 2019

SUBJECT: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Delgado Community College Foundation and the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, on Behalf of Delgado Community

APPROVED

Slk 12/11/19
LCTCS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FOR BOARD ACTION

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board authorize the President and the Chancellor of Delgado Community College to negotiate and execute a cooperative endeavor agreement between the Delgado Community College Foundation and the LCTCS, on behalf of the Delgado Community College, to construct an athletic building and to provide other baseball field improvements on the City Park Campus.

Background: Through a private donation by the Tom and Gayle Benson Charitable Foundation to the Delgado Community College Foundation, Delgado has potentially secured funding for construction of a 5,500 square foot athletic building near the Delgado Baseball Field located on the college's City Park Campus. This agreement will allow the Delgado Community College Foundation in conjunction with the college to construct this facility.

The facility would house much-needed space for a baseball locker room, athletic administrative and coaches' offices, training room, equipment storage space, as well as student-athlete study and meeting space. Currently, the Delgado baseball team dresses in a temporary container in the parking lot, and other athletic storage, offices, and study space are scattered in various campus locations. Additionally, the new facility would acknowledge the Benson family for their ongoing support of the college's athletic program, as well as their significant economic and philanthropic impact to the city of New Orleans community. The new facility, eventually known as 'The Benson Center', will serve as a major resource for the continued success of Delgado's student-athletes.

Fiscal Impact: The proposed naming of the new facility would acknowledge the Tom and Gayle Benson Charitable Foundation for its donation of \$1,000,000 to fund all costs of the athletic building's construction and associated baseball field improvements. Any other potential costs to complete the interior space will be funded through additional fundraising from Delgado Baseball Alumni. The fiscal impact on the college is anticipated to be minor due to the significant amount of the donation and the expected availability of the team's alumni fundraising for any additional costs, if needed.

History of Prior Actions: N/A

Benefits to the System: The execution of this agreement will allow the college to offer significant improvements for its student-athletes and to assist with their continued academic success.

Approved for Recommendation to the Board
Dr. Monty Sullivan, President

12-11-19

Date