

Response to Questions on the FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan

Request By: Chairman Connolly

Question: There is \$2.0 million for the Mott Center Renovation for “changing demographics” and “in anticipation of Pope’s Head Park site opening.” When is the anticipated opening?

Response: The FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan includes \$2.0 million in General Fund monies for the renovation and expansion of the Mott Community Center. This renovation/expansion project is based on several significant events and changes, including increased programming needs, changing demographics of the community served by the center, designation of the center as a new computer clubhouse, and the anticipated development of the Popes Head Park site. In addition, as part of the teen center redesign effort begun in FY 2004, the Mott Center was designated as the regional hub for all CRS services in the West County region. Mott is currently serving over 300 additional youth and additional space is required to adequately serve these youth and the increased enrollment in teen after-school programs. The renovations will include the expansion of the gymnasium to a full court, as well as construction of additional classroom space and room to accommodate the regional teen center and a new computer clubhouse.

The Popes Head Park site is scheduled for completion in July 2009. Assuming the approval of the proposed \$2.0 million in FY 2006, the Mott renovation and expansion would take approximately 2½ years to complete. It is anticipated that design and permitting would be completed by January 2007 and construction would be completed by January 2008.