



Office of the City Manager

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CONSENT CALENDAR
March 22, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Abraham Roman, Fire Chief
Subject: Donation of Fire Apparatus and Equipment

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution donating a surplus fire truck, Auto 910 and equipment, to the Livermore Pleasanton Department.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Donation of fire apparatus will result in loss of funds from auctioning of the equipment. Estimated maximum value of auctioned equipment is \$5,000 or less and the surplus fire equipment has little or no operational value due to its age.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department in Northern California, has contacted the Berkeley Fire Department about the possibility of a donation of surplus apparatus and equipment.

The Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department provides fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services for the Cities of Livermore and Pleasanton in Alameda County. They require a used aerial ladder truck to provide training for their firefighters who drive and operate front line aerial apparatus for their department.

The donation of this fire truck will assist one of our mutual aid partners to conduct in service training for its members and also strengthens the already strong relationship between the two fire departments.

BACKGROUND

The Berkeley Fire Department has made donations of fire apparatus and equipment in the past. Usable equipment has been either maintained for use during major emergencies or disasters; when apparatus or equipment are no longer needed or become too expensive to maintain, they are sent to auction. The specialized nature of fire equipment means the demand for such equipment at auctions is usually low. Donation of equipment has provided more benefit in good will and help to communities in need than the small amount of revenue that may be achieved through auction.

The City has made donations of fire and police equipment in the past, including:

Date	Beneficiary	Type of Surplus Equipment
September, 2020	Bomberos Nayarit, Mexico	Two Fire Engines
September 20, 2015	Berkeley School District	Ambulance
March 9, 2010	El Bolson Fire Department, Argentina	Fire Engine
March 9, 2010	The Cities of: Izalco and Delgado, El Salvador	Two Fire Engines
March 9, 2010	Jocotenango Sacatepequez Fire Department, Guatemala	Ambulance
July 14, 2009	Berkeley Boosters Association	Passenger Vans and Trailers
September 23, 2008	El Bolson Fire Department, Argentina	Ambulance
September 23, 2008	East Cape Community/Social Service Foundation	Two Ambulances

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the action requested in this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The apparatus and equipment can be sent to auction, however due to the specialized nature of the equipment and its current condition (purchased in 1997) doing so would result in little interest except for parts. Donation of equipment has provided more benefit in good will and help to communities in need than the small amount of revenue that may be achieved through auction.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The equipment can be sent to auction. However, the high-mileage, current condition, and specialized nature of the apparatus has typically resulted in little interest and low revenue.

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

DONATION OF FIRE APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, City regulations require that surplus equipment and vehicles be disposed of through an auction procedure; and

WHEREAS, from time to time groups and organizations request donations of surplus equipment and/or vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department has requested donation of one surplus fire truck to assist them in delivery of training for its members; and

WHEREAS, the surplus vehicle will result in little value at auction; and

WHEREAS, donation of the equipment and vehicles will generate good will and no additional costs to the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the surplus fire truck, Auto 910 be donated to the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department.

