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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

AG 2001-217

**SUBJECT: DONATION OF USED SURPLUS SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Citywide.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the donation of used public safety equipment to the City of Torreon Police Department located in the State of Coahuila, Mexico.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

**Arturo Venegas, Jr., Chief of Police, 264-5123**  
**Craig Mohar, Economic Development, 264-7708**

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** November 27, 2001

**SUMMARY:**

Police Chief Juan Francisco Woo Favela from the City of Torreon, Mexico is requesting assistance in obtaining surplus public safety equipment for their Police Department. Because of Torreon's severe budget constraints, Police Chief Woo would value any donated police equipment. In accordance with City policy, the City of Sacramento has previously donated or sold used surplus police equipment to other public agencies. The Police Department currently has public safety equipment available, i.e., safety vests, etc., that is considered outdated or past its warranty period. The Police Department recommends that the City Council authorize the donation of these used surplus items to the City of Torreon Police Department.

*The mission of the Sacramento Police Department is to work in partnership with the Community to protect life and property; solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our City.*

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**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:**

None.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Torreon, founded in 1893, has a population of 439,436 (1990) and is centrally located in the State of Coahuila in Northern Mexico. Their Police Chief, Juan Francisco Woo Favela has requested assistance in obtaining surplus public safety equipment for their Police Department. Due to financial constraints, Chief Woo would consider any donated equipment to be of enormous benefit to their Police Department. The Sacramento Police Department currently has a variety of used equipment that is past its warranty date or considered outdated. The Police Department is requesting Council authorization to donate the following used safety equipment to the City of Torreon:

- Ballistic Safety Vests (200)
- M17 Gas Masks (50)
- Blue Riot Helmets (60)
- Motorcycle Jackets (10)
- Car Vehicle Radios (75)

The City of Torreon will arrange for transporting all the equipment to Mexico and has agreed to sign a "Hold Harmless" agreement to release the City of any liability.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Donating the surplus public safety equipment will not have an impact upon the City's budget. The surplus equipment is either outdated or past its warranty period and no longer useful to the Sacramento Police Department. The City of Torreon will arrange for transporting the equipment at no cost to the City of Sacramento.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

This activity does not constitute a "project" and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(1) and 15378(b)(3).

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

The City Council Resolution No. 93-708 (copy attached), adopted in 1993, established procedures for the sale and/or donation of certain City property to the Mexican government. This resolution, issued under City Code Section 3.80.40, provides three criteria for authorizing the donation of surplus property to agencies of the Mexican government. The surplus public safety property is being donated under option (3) of this resolution that states: "Is determined to be of a nature that it is not appropriate for sale to the general public."

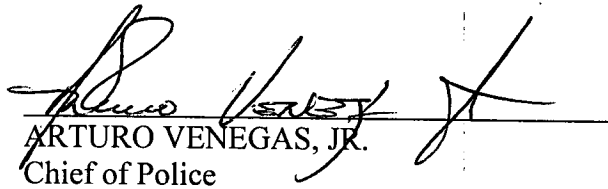
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The City's overall requirements for the disposition of surplus City property (equipment/supplies) are set forth in Sacramento City Code 3.80.030, "Methods of Disposition." Under this Code, Subsection (F) allows the donation of surplus property to any other public agency or charitable organization by resolution of the City Council. The Code defines "public agency" to mean "the state, or any agency or subdivision thereof, any city, county, special district or school district".


**E/SBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

The donation of surplus equipment will not involve the purchase of materials and services.

Respectfully submitted:

  
ARTURO VENEGAS, JR.  
Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

AV:cjm  
Attachment

# RESOLUTION NO. 93-708

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF DEC 14 1993

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND/OR DONATION OF CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY (EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES) TO AGENCIES OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento periodically declares various items as surplus to the needs of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento supports the efforts of the government of Mexico to enhance the quality of life for its citizens; and

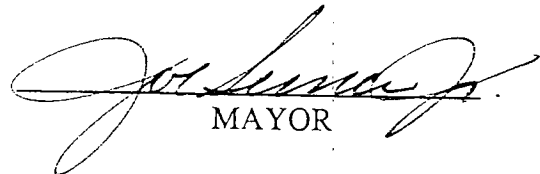
WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento wishes to foster good relations between the City and the government of Mexico,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SACRAMENTO that the City Council does hereby authorize the Procurement Services Division, in coordination with the organization declaring the property (equipment/supplies) as surplus, to facilitate the sale and/or donation of certain surplus City property (equipment/supplies), provided that such property (equipment/supplies):

- 1) Has been offered for public sale, either by auction or by sealed-bid, and has not been sold as a result of such offerings; or
- 2) Has been offered for sale and/or donation to other public agencies within the State of California, and has not been sold and/or donated as a result of such offerings; or
- 3) Is determined to be of a nature that it is not appropriate for sale to the general public.

ATTEST:

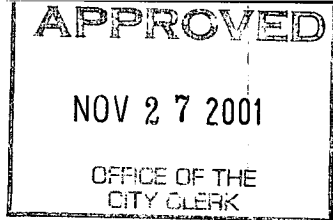
Patricia A. Burrows  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2001-773**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF USED SURPLUS POLICE EQUIPMENT TO THE CITY OF TORREON, MEXICO**

WHEREAS the City of Sacramento has available as surplus property the following used equipment: ballistic safety vests, gas masks, riot helmets, motorcycle jackets and vehicle radios; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento, wishes to make available the surplus equipment to other public agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento, supports the efforts of agencies of the Mexican government to enhance the quality of life for its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento, wishes to foster good relations with agencies of the Mexican government;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO that the City does hereby authorize the Police Department to donate surplus safety equipment to the City of Torreon, Mexico.

The donation of this surplus property is subject to the execution of a "Hold Harmless" agreement with the City of Torreon, Mexico.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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