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RAY CHARLES  
FIRE CHIEF

City Council  
Sacramento, California

SUBJECT: OLD FIRE STATION 6 HISTORICAL FIRE BELL

Honorable Members in Session:

SUMMARY

This report is related to the historical fire bell previously displayed at "Old Fire Station 6", 3414 4th Avenue. It is recommended that the bell be displayed at the Sacramento History Center, 101 I Street. Cost of design and construction of a pedestal for displaying the bell is estimated at \$750. Most, if not all costs will be absorbed by outside donations.

BACKGROUND

The historical fire bell once located at "Old Fire Station 6", at 3414 4th Avenue, is presently in storage at the City Corporation Yard. The bell was removed from "Old Fire Station 6" in 1978 when the structure was vacated. At that time plans were formulated to relocate the bell to new Fire Station 6 at 3301 Sacramento Boulevard. For reasons unknown to staff, the plans were shelved and not revived until now.

The bell represents great historical significance to the fire service and to the City of Sacramento. In order that the bell may be viewed within the proper historical environment it is recommended that it be displayed at the Sacramento History Center. We request that the bell be displayed as a memorial for fallen firefighters. The importance of this piece of memorabilia captures the past and will continue to provide future generations with a window into early Sacramento Fire Service history.

Mr. James Henley, Director of the Sacramento History Center, has assured us that he will work with Fire Department representatives in designing the pedestal and how best to display the bell. The costs associated with the design and construction of the pedestal will be provided by donations from the Code 10-7 Club (retired fire personnel), Sacramento Fire Reserves, and Sacramento Area Firefighters Local 522. The cost of preparing the bell for display will be borne by the City.

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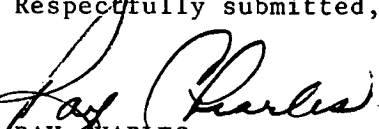
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FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approximately \$250 cost to the City.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
RAY CHARLES  
Fire Chief

RECOMMEND APPROVAL:

  
WALTER J. SLIPE, City Manager

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