

CITY OF OAKLAND
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Office of the City Manager
ATTN: Robert C. Bobb
FROM: Public Works Agency
DATE: April 24, 2001

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF TWO SURPLUS POLICE
PATROL VEHICLES TO THE CITY OF DALIAN, CHINA

SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Manager to donate two City-owned surplus police patrol vehicles to the City of Dalian, China. Dalian city officials have requested the donation of these vehicles to assist in the development of a police and safety program modeled on the City of Oakland.

Donation of the two police patrol vehicles to the City of Dalian would support the Mayor and City Council goal of strengthening cultural ties with Oakland's sister city and would encourage cultural and educational exchange between the cities.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The sale of surplus equipment is used to offset the replacement cost of new equipment. Surplus police vehicles are generally auctioned to the public. Historically, police vehicles of the same year model and make, and in a similar condition, have sold for approximately \$3,500 each. Donation of these two police vehicles will reduce the amount returned to the Equipment Replacement Fund by approximately \$7,000. This cost is offset, however, by the benefit gained from the goodwill accrued to Oakland.

BACKGROUND

The City of Dalian, China, has requested the donation of two police vehicles from the City's surplus fleet for use by Dalian's Police Department. The City of Dalian plans to change its system of police patrol, using Oakland as a model. The donated vehicles would be used as part of Dalian's training program for its officers.

In the past, the City has donated surplus vehicles to other non-profit organizations, such as the Dunsmuir House and Gardens, the College of Alameda, the City of Alameda Fire Department, and the Oakland Unified School District.

The two Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors to be donated to the City of Dalian were placed in service in 1997 and have a three-year service life. The vehicles were recently taken out of active service and are excess to the needs of the City. With City Council approval, these vehicles can be made available to the City of Dalian Police Department. Donation of the two vehicles would be beneficial to the City of Dalian, would promote continued goodwill between Oakland and Dalian, and further support the Dalian-Oakland Sister City programs.

The City of Dalian, China, would cover all operating and maintenance expenses.

ENVIRONMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

Donation of two Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors to the City of Dalian will remove two vehicles at the end of their life cycles from the City's fleet, and replace them with two new police vehicles. Newer police vehicles will contribute to greater fuel efficiency and fewer vehicle emissions.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There is no impact on the accessibility of residents with disabilities or senior citizens.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED
TO THE CITY COUNCIL

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER