



## “BIKES4VETS” BICYCLE COLLABORATION

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## BACKGROUND

1. The **Riverside Police Department (RPD)** obtains possession of bicycles under three circumstances:
  - a. **Safe keeping** - when the rider/owner is arrested.
  - b. **Found property** - bikes are reported as found and have no known owner.
  - c. **Evidence** – bikes that are part of an investigation.
2. If unclaimed, after **proper notifications**, there are procedures in place to dispose of the bikes.



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## BACKGROUND

1. **120 bikes** fall into these circumstances annually.
2. Traditionally, bikes are turned over to Propertyroom.com for auction, for a **50/50 split of bike sale proceeds**.
3. **\$550** returns to the general fund annually (average \$4.58 per bike).
4. **Process is cumbersome**, as Propertyroom.com has become increasingly selective about what they will accept.



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## COMPELLING CAUSE

1. US Vets and Camp Anza residents need bikes to get to and from job interviews, work, and medical appointments.
2. Research suggests that riding a bike helps Veterans recover from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).



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## RIDE 2 RECOVERY - DBA PROJECT HERO

1. Ride 2 Recovery – DBA Project Hero is a **national non-profit** organization.
2. Committed to helping veterans and first responders, specifically those with:
  - a) Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
  - b) Traumatic brain injury (TBI)



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## BIKES4VETS PROGRAM

1. The proposed program will discontinue the Propertyroom.com relationship, and instead enter into a new relationship with Project Hero.
2. Ride 2 Recovery- DBA Project Hero shall assemble safe bicycles for further charitable distribution within the City of Riverside.



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## BIKES4VETS DISTRIBUTION

1. Priority will be given as follows:
  - a) Formerly homeless veterans residing in subsidized housing, regardless of Veterans Affairs disability status.
  - b) Veterans with a service connected disability rating from Veterans Affairs.
  - c) All other military personnel, veterans and members of the National Guard.
  - d) Immediate family members of above listed veterans.



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## BIKES4VETS DISTRIBUTION (CONT.)

2. Should any bikes remain, Project Hero will keep the bikes for Ride 2 Recovery – DBA Project Hero cycling classes and events.
3. Children's bikes that Project Hero is unable to distribute, will be provided to Riverside's youth, in accordance with a carefully crafted RPD operational policy, through the Riverside Police Foundation.



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## BIKES4VETS PROGRAM

1. Ride 2 Recovery – DBA Project Hero will provide recurring classes and guided rides to recipients under the Bikes4Vets program.
2. Ride 2 Recovery – DBA Project Hero will sign a receipt for each bike and will provide a quarterly report to RPD.



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## FISCAL IMPACT

Bikes4Vets will result in an estimated loss of approximately \$550.00 annually to the City's General Fund.



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Approve the MOU between the City and Ride 2 Recovery – DBA Project Hero for the “Bikes4Vets” Bicycle Collaboration.
2. Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute the MOU with Ride 2 Recovery - DBA Project Hero, including making minor and non-substantive changes.



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