



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED EL DORADO TYPE II 12-PASSENGER
PARATRANSIT VEHICLE BY THE RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AUTHORITY FOR
USE BY THE RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY SERVICES
BUREAU**

ISSUE:

Accept a donation of an El Dorado Type II 12-passenger Paratransit Vehicle by the Riverside Transit Authority of Riverside, California, to transport participants to various programs coordinated through the Riverside Police Department's Community Services Bureau.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept a donation received by the Riverside Police Department of an El Dorado Type II 12-passenger Paratransit Vehicle from the Riverside Transit Authority to the Riverside Police Department for use by the Department's Community Services Bureau.
2. Direct the Police Chief to send a letter of appreciation to the Riverside Transit Authority (RTA).

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside Police Department's (RPD) Community Services Bureau (CSB) was established to serve as a resource for residents by providing educational information regarding criminal awareness, crime prevention, and how to strengthen the relationship with the community. CSB staff also has the responsibility of enhancing and implementing the department's youth and community-based programs. The Department's youth programs (Youth Court, Teen to Teen, Youth Council, Crime Free Multi-Housing, Explorers, Volunteer, Traffic Education, and Opportunity with Education - OWE) are designed to educate high school and college students in leadership skills, self-awareness, and to develop law-abiding residents who care and respect the community. CSB educates the public through various outreach programs, social platforms, and community events, all in an effort to create a better Riverside.

DISCUSSION:

The donated vehicle will be used by staff of the Community Services Bureau who coordinate or supervise the department's youth programs. Transportation will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Riverside Police Activities League Swimming Lessons at University of California, Riverside
2. Opportunity with Education (OWE) program in Big Bear for conferences and educational seminars
3. Teen-to-Teen activities in Big Bear, Museum of Tolerance, and various programs in Los Angeles and Orange County areas
4. Various judo/boxing programs throughout Riverside County

Current modes of transportation include reliance on pool vehicles, school buses from various districts, and parent transportation. If a participant is unable to utilize one of the current forms of transportation, they may miss the opportunity to participate in CSB programs.

The RTA has generously approved the donation of a 12-passenger bus to RPD's Community Services Bureau. The RPD is eager to put this vehicle to good use, as it will truly make a difference in the lives of the young people who participate in these programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The 2009 El-Dorado Type II 12-passenger Paratransit Vehicle is valued at approximately \$5,000. The maintenance expenses are anticipated to be approximately \$1,800 per year based on other similar vehicles in the fleet. These costs are included in the Police Department's Central Garage Charges Account, account number 3105000-424230.

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