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To:

THE COUNCIL

Date: 07/30/2015

From:

THE MAYOR

TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric Garcetti', is written over a faint blue circular stamp.

(Ana Guerrero)

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

LOS ANGELES POLICE COMMISSION

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July 22, 2015

BPC #15-0201

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 303
Los Angeles, California 90012

Attention Mandy Morales

Dear Honorable Mayor:

RE: DONATION OF TREE TRIMMING SERVICES, VALUED AT \$18,000.00, FROM THE
LOS ANGELES POLICE FOUNDATION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOS ANGELES
POLICE DEPARTMENT.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, July 21, 2015, the Board
APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

The Board requests, subject to your approval, that this matter be forwarded to City Council for their
approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant II

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c: Chief of Police
ASB

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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POLICE COMMISSION

TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

REVIEWED

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF NON-MONETARY DONATION

M. M. [Signature] 7/10/15

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners APPROVE the Department's Report and TRANSMIT to the Mayor and City Council for ACCEPTANCE the in-kind donation of tree trimming services for the Los Angeles Police Department.

DONOR INFORMATION:

ITEM:

AMOUNT/VALUE:

Los Angeles Police Foundation (#042-15) Ms. Cecilia Glassman, Executive Director 515 South Flower Street, Suite 1680 Los Angeles, California 90071 (213) 489-4636	Tree trimming services	\$18,000.00
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DISCUSSION

The donation is for the benefit of the Los Angeles Police Department Central Safer Cities Initiative Task Force. Due to cost saving measures, the City's tree trimming services have been greatly reduced in recent years. The project would not only improve the visual landscape of the region, but the overgrown trees pose a public safety hazard on separate levels. Many narcotics offenders have utilized the cover of the overgrown trees to store and conceal their activities. The narcotic activities in turn lead to additional violent crimes in the area. The objective is to reduce the narcotic activities in the area as well as reduce area blight which would be a much needed benefit to the community.

No expressed or implied commitments or promises were made to the donor or representatives of the donor. The donor will not receive any preferential treatment, endorsement, or recommendation; and the donor is not allowed the use of any Los Angeles Police Department patents.

Administrative Services Bureau has reviewed the donation and determined that it has been submitted in accordance with Section 5.467 et seq. of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, which provides for the receipt and acceptance of donations to the Los Angeles Police Department.

The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

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If you have any questions, please contact Sergeant Alora Perna, Commander's Aide,
Administrative Services Bureau, at (213) 486-7060.

Respectfully,

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CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

June 19, 2015
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TO: Commanding Officer, Administrative Services Bureau

FROM: Commanding Officer, Central Area

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION FOR PROPOSED LANDSCAPING
REHABILITATION AT CENTRAL AREA

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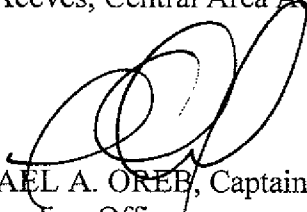
ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES BUREAU #42-15

It is requested that Administrative Services Bureau (ASB) approve and forward correspondence to the Board of Police Commissioners to accept the donation of in-kind donation valued at \$18,000 from the Los Angeles Police Foundation for Skid Row Area Crime Prevention and Tree-Trimming. The donated services will allow the trimming of overgrown trees to expand crime prevention capabilities while simultaneously enhancing community outreach efforts.

<u>DONOR:</u>	<u>ITEMS:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Los Angeles Police Foundation	Tree-Trimming	\$18,000

Facilities Management Division has been contacted and is in support of the project. All possible conflicts of interest have been researched. The donor is not a City vendor and the acceptance of this donation will not reflect negatively on the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) or the City of Los Angeles in general. No expressed or implied commitment or promise was made to the donor or representatives of the donor; that the donor will not receive any preferential treatment, endorsement, or recommendation; and, that the donor is not allowed the use of any LAPD patent.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Sergeant Mark Aceves, Central Area Adjutant, at (213) 833-3707.


MICHAEL A. OREB, Captain
Commanding Officer
Central Area

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

March 17, 2015
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TO: Commanding Officer, Administrative Services Bureau

FROM: Commanding Officer, Central Area

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION FOR PROPOSED LANDSCAPING
REHABILITATION AT CENTRAL AREA


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ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES BUREAU

It is requested that Administrative Services Bureau (ASB) approve and forward correspondence to the Board of Police Commissioners to accept the donation of in-kind donation valued at \$18,000 from the Valleycrest Landscape Company for Skid Row Area Crime Prevention and Tree-Trimming. The donated services will allow the trimming of overgrown trees to expand crime prevention capabilities while simultaneously enhancing community outreach efforts.

<u>DONOR:</u>	<u>ITEMS:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Valleycrest Landscape Company	Tree-Trimming	\$18,000

Facilities Management Division has been contacted and is in support of the project. All possible conflicts of interest have been researched. The donor is not a City vendor and the acceptance of this donation will not reflect negatively on the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) or the City of Los Angeles in general. No expressed or implied commitment or promise was made to the donor or representatives of the donor; that the donor will not receive any preferential treatment, endorsement, or recommendation; and, that the donor is not allowed the use of any LAPD patent.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Sergeant Mark Aceves, Central Area Adjutant, at (213) 833-3707.


MICHAEL A. OREB, Captain
Commanding Officer
Central Area

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

January 29, 2015

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TO: Chief of Police

FROM: Commanding Officer, Central Area

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES POLICE FOUNDATION GRANT REQUEST -
SKID ROW AREA CRIME PREVENTION AND TREE TRIMMING

The Central Safer Cities Initiative Task Force (SCITF) is assigned to police the Skid Row area. The SCITF is requesting the Los Angeles Police Foundation's (LAPF) assistance to expand crime prevention capabilities while simultaneously enhancing community outreach efforts. This service would be utilized to address multiple challenges that the SCITF seeks to resolve in a comprehensive manner. It is requested that Central Area be approved for the SCITF Grant. The approval of this grant benefits the Department as follows:

Community Caretaking - We have identified in upwards of 30 overgrown trees in the Skid Row area. Since the City's tree trimming services have been greatly diminished, these trees have not been maintained in nearly 14 years. Trimming these trees would not only improve the visual landscape of the region, but these overgrown trees pose a public safety hazard on multiple levels. Narcotics offenders have been utilizing the cover of the trees to store and conceal their activities. These narcotics-related crimes or transactions all too often become the source of additional violent crimes. This simple step would curb these activities that, unfortunately, have become the social ills that define the district.

The LAPF has already identified a vendor who is seeking to provide tree trimming services as an in-kind donation - ValleyCrest Landscape¹. This vendor has agreed to trim all 30 trees identified by SCITF, on a pro bono basis. In the event they identify any additional trees in need of service during the course of their work, they will provide the necessary pruning. The pro bono service is valued at approximately \$18,000.

¹ ValleyCrest Landscape is currently undergoing a company merger and in the near future will be operating under the name BrightView.

Chief of Police

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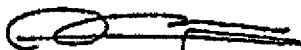
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If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Billy Brockway, Officer-in-Charge, Central Area SCITF, at (213) 486-0896.



MICHAEL A. OREB, Captain
Commanding Officer
Central Area

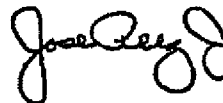
APPROVED:



JORGE A. VILLEGAS, Deputy Chief
Director, Office of Operations

Attachment

APPROVED:



JOSE PEREZ, Jr., Deputy Chief
Commanding Officer
Operations-Central Bureau

APPROVED:



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

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Los Angeles Police Foundation

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To:	ASB	From:	Tracy Szepeinski
Fax:	213-485-8125	Pages:	6 (includes Cover)
Phone:	213-485-3277	Date:	March 10, 2015
Re:	Grant Request #2015-015	CC:	

Attached is the latest grant request.

Grant Application received: February 18, 2015

Grant Received from: Central Area, Safer Cities Initiative Task Force

Contact: Lieutenant Billy Brockway or Sergeant Paul Hong

Phone #: (213) 486-0896

Grant Name Skid Row Area Crime Prevention and Tree Trimming

Grant Amount: In-kind donation valued at \$18,000

Please e-mail this information to Administrative Services Bureau
or if you have any questions, please contact us at 213-486-7060.
Thank you.



2014/5 GRANT APPLICATION

Grant Number 2015-015 (office use only)

Date: 01-21-2015

Amount Requested: in-kind donation valued at approximately \$18,000.00

Contact Name(s): Lieutenant Billy Brockway or Sergeant Paul Hong

Department/Unit: LAPD Central Area, Safer Cities Initiative Task Force

Mailing Address: 251 E. 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90014

Phone Number: 213-486-0896 Fax Number: 213-847-2956

E-mail Address: 31035@lapd.lacity.org / Paul.Hong@lapd.lacity.org

Name of Program/Equipment requesting funding for: Skid Row Area Crime Prevention and Tree Trimming

Provide a brief description and the need for the program/equipment (use additional paper if needed):

The Safer Cities Initiative (SCI) Task Force is requesting the LAPF's assistance in trimming overgrown trees to expand our crime prevention capabilities while simultaneously enhancing our community outreach efforts.

Community Caretaking - We have identified in upwards of 30 overgrown trees in the Skid Row area. Since the City's tree trimming services have been greatly diminished, these trees have not been maintained in nearly 14 years. Trimming these trees would not only improve the visual landscape of the region, but these overgrown trees pose a public safety hazard on multiple levels. Narcotics offenders have been utilizing the cover of the trees to store and conceal their activities. These narcotics-related crimes or transactions have often become the source of additional violent crimes. This simple step would curb these activities that, unfortunately, have become the social ills that define the district.

The LAPF has already identified a vendor who is seeking to provide tree trimming services as a philanthropic endeavor - ValleyCrest Landscape. This vendor has agreed to trim all 30 trees identified by SCI on a pro bono basis. In the event they identify any additional trees in need of service during the course of their work, they will provide the necessary pruning. The pro bono service is valued at approximately \$18,000.

ValleyCrest Landscape is currently undergoing a company merger and in the near future will operate under the name BrightView.

Has this program/equipment previously been requested through the city budget?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please list the most recent date of submission and the result: N/A

If no, please explain the reason why it was not submitted: As a cost savings measure, the City's tree trimming services have been greatly reduced in recent years.

What objectives will be accomplished if the funding is granted?

Crime reduction with enhanced enforcement and neighborhood beautification.

How many officers will be impacted with this grant?

This effort will directly impact approximately 75 officers who conduct community outreach and are responsible for providing day-to-day police services. Indirectly, this would affect anyone with investigative responsibility for criminal cases arising in the Skid Row area.

How will the community be impacted by this grant?

The community will benefit with the increased efforts to reduce the narcotics activity in the area. It will reinforce enhancement efforts conducted by multiple governmental entities and non-profit organizations. These efforts will contribute to the reduction of area blight.

Describe the short term outcome and long term impact you anticipate within the Department and in the community it serves as result of this grant.

In the short term, this grant will provide an immediate and obvious change in the visual landscape by providing much-needed tree trimming. The tree maintenance will have a trickle down effect that will lead to an increase in narcotics-related enforcement and abatement.

In the long-term it is foreseen, from a law enforcement perspective, that we would have to recalibrate police response to address the ever-changing landscape. This service will not provide an absolute solution for the ills that ails the district, but rather address the immediate needs of today.

How can the Foundation evaluate success if the funding is granted? (# of people served, objectives reached, surveys, etc.)

The success of the grant can be measured in several ways at different levels. The community outreach piece of the grant could be quantified by the use of a survey, although it would be an arduous process to determine a meaningful evaluation directly related to the grant.


Please list or attach an itemized list for expenses or a quote from equipment manufacturer on vendor's letterhead.

The services will be provided as an in-kind donation and will not incur any costs.

Has your commanding officer approved this request? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Name of commanding officer: Captain Michael Orger

Signature of commanding officer: _____

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For questions, comments, or concerns, contact Tracy Szpeinski at (213) 489-4636 or email tracy@lapolicefoundation.org.