

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the below market value sale of surplus equipment to the Bethesda Temple Church.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that Bethesda Temple Church is eligible to purchase 13 chairs, 2 desks, 1 filing cabinet, 1 Rolodex, and 1 desk filing tray at below market value (\$1.00 each), in accordance with LAAC Sec. 22.547 (Donation of Surplus City Equipment) and policy adopted by the Council on November 28, 2006 (C.F. 04-1822), as Bethesda Temple Church is a non-profit organization located in the City of Los Angeles that has been established exclusively to further the services provided by the City and its departments. The below market sale is authorized subject to the requirement that services supported by this surplus equipment be open to the entire community regardless of a person's spiritual beliefs and/or religious affiliation.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to expedite preparation of the appropriate documents to effectuate the sale and transfer of the above identified surplus equipment at below market value to Bethesda Temple Church.
3. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to inform Bethesda Temple Church [Shirley A. Green, 4909 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90043, (323) 299-2591] that the surplus equipment must be claimed within 60 days from the date of Council approval of the request after which time it will revert to the City's surplus equipment pool for disposal by the Department of General Services.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Chief Legislative Analyst reports that the sale of this office equipment at below market value is consistent with the City's Financial Policies as Bethesda Temple Church is a non-profit organization that provides community benefit services to residents of the City.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its meeting of June 24, 2013, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report, submitted in response to Motion (Parks – Rosendahl), relative to donating surplus office equipment to Bethesda Temple Church. According to the Motion, a fire engulfed the Bethesda Temple Church on Crenshaw Boulevard on April 26, 2013. The fire destroyed most of the Church, which has been declared a total loss. A presence in the community for 25 years, the Church provides the neighborhood with a food bank, clothes program, and countless other forms of assistance that make the community a better place to live and work. The Motion further states that this office equipment will help the Church re-establish its community service programs.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended approval of the CLA recommendations regarding the donation of surplus office equipment. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT
ROSENDAHL:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT
LABONGE:	YES

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