

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the retirement of a Park Ranger Division Mounted Unit Horse and its donation to a private citizen.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the retirement of “Smokey” from City service, and grant permission to donate this horse to Monica Gilchrist, a private citizen, and owner of Gilchrist Farm, so that he may live out the remainder of his life under the care of an experienced equestrian.
2. FIND that “Smokey” is surplus City equipment eligible for donation under Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) 22.547.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) reports that there is no fiscal impact to the RAP’s General Fund resulting from the above recommendations as all care and feeding costs associated with this animal will be transferred to another horse that will be obtained as a replacement.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On September 28, 2021, your Committee considered the June 17, 2021 RAP report relative to the retirement of a Park Ranger Division Mounted Unit Horse and its donation to a private citizen. The report attached to the Council file includes some background on the matter. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations reflected above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
LEE:	YES
BONIN:	YES
RIDLEY-THOMAS:	YES

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