



## Legislation Text

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**TO:**

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:**

Bruce Moe, City Manager

**FROM:**

Steve S. Charelian, Finance Director

Gwen Eng, Purchasing Manager

**SUBJECT:**

Consideration of an Agreement with the El Camino College Fire Academy for the Donation of Surplus Fire Equipment (Finance Director Charelian).

**APPROVE**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the donation of surplus fire equipment to the El Camino College Fire Academy.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The surplus fire equipment including rotary saws and ladders etc. has an estimated value between \$5,000 and \$7,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

All of the requested fire equipment, rotary saws, ladders, shovels etc., are nearing the end of their useful life and have been replaced according to National Fire Protection Association guidelines. As a result, these items have been removed from service. Standard procedure is to either auction or send to a scrap metal recycler for the best attainable value as required by the City's Municipal Code, however, this requirement may be waived by the City Council.

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff has received a request from the El Camino College Fire Academy to donate used fire equipment for their use. In the past, the City has donated surplus property to this organization to support their training efforts.

In order to qualify for our entry level Firefighter testing, candidates must successfully graduate from a State certified fire academy prior to application. The majority of our newly hired employees come to us through this program.

Our used equipment would be of great value to their training program, familiarizing students with the types of equipment used in municipal fire operations. While the City typically sells surplus property for the best attainable value, the City has also donated vehicles and equipment to other organizations in

the past, including Manhattan Beach Unified School District, Community Emergency Response Team, Los Angeles County Fire Lifeguards, and sister city, Santa Rosalia, Mexico. These organizations are typically either another public agency or community organizations with limited funding sources, where surplus equipment has great value.

Municipal Code Section 2.36.180 requires that surplus property be disposed of for the best attainable value, which is typically obtained through public auction. Staff has estimated, based on research that the value is between \$5,000 and \$7,000, which the City will forego by donating to this agency.

A release of liability is included in the agreement.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

There is no public outreach required for this issue.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

The City has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determination that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is necessary.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney has reviewed this report and determined that no further legal analysis is necessary.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Agreement - El Camino College