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Board of Public Works Commissioners  
City of Los Angeles  
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**COUNCIL FILE 20-1427 - Request to Sell One (1) LAFD Apparatus and Equipment**

Members of the Board of Public Works:

In response to the November 25, 2020, City Council action on Council File 20-1427, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) appreciates the opportunity to submit the enclosed report regarding a request to sell (1) LAFD 1996 Seagrave FT Triple Fire Engine with accompanying equipment at below market value. The report is hereby transmitted to the Board of Public Works for consideration and approval.

Should you need additional information, please contact Deputy Chief Graham Everett, Chief of Staff, at (213) 978-3840.

Sincerely,

  
RALPH M. TERRAZAS  
Fire Chief

Attachment

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## **SUMMARY**

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) created a partnership with the Obregon Fire Department in the early 1990's. In that time, LAFD members have traveled to Sonora, Mexico to provide training of new firefighting methods and maintenance of firefighting tools and other equipment. Additionally, the LAFD donated two 1993 Seagrave apparatus. Thanks to Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez support, the LAFD recognizes the need for additional support.

Created in 1949 as a volunteer Firefighters club, the Obregon Fire Department today is made up of paid and volunteer members. There are six Fire Stations serving half a million residents. Every year, Firefighters respond to 6,000 calls. Currently, the Obregon Fire Department has two ambulances, the two Seagrave engines, and two ladder trucks – one of which is a 1977 model. As the City of Obregon' population continues to increase so does the need to keep the people safe. The City of Obregon has expressed commitment in complying with all applicable procedural requirements in the purchase and acquisition of the vehicle equipment.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The LAFD kindly requests the Board of Public Works to recommend the sale of one (1) 1996 Seagrave FT Triple Fire Engine (VIN# 1F9EC28T5TCST2106) valued at approximately \$10,000. The City of Obregon, Mexico is eligible to purchase the apparatus at below market value (\$1.00) in accordance with L.A.A.C. Section 22.547 (a)(4)(ii).

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to the city of Los Angeles. The 1996 Seagrave FT Triple Fire Engine (VIN# 1F9EC28T5TCST2106) was pulled from service and designated for salvage.

## **CONCLUSION**

The City of Obregon, Mexico is in dire need of assistance related to their ability to safely and adequately perform fire suppression in their city. The donation of this fire apparatus will continue to support the needs of the Obregon Fire Department and further their ability to provide the service their community needs. This donation will continue to foster the relationship that has been established between the City of Los Angeles and the City of Obregon.

MOTION

The Seventh Council District (CD 7) has received a request to donate one (1) LAFD 1996 Red Seagrave Triple Engine to the City of Obregon Fire Department. There are currently six fire stations in Obregon serving nearly half a million residents.

Section 22.547 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code provides that upon Council approval, surplus City equipment may be sold for less than market value to a domestic or foreign government. The Obregon Fire Department is in urgent need of additional equipment as a large portion of Obregon’s current fire safety fleet is obsolete or not safe for operation. The donation of one (1) LAFD 1996 Red Seagrave Triple fire engine with accompanying equipment will be used to aid fire safety efforts in the City of Obregon. To initiate the sale of surplus equipment to a domestic or foreign government, the Board of Public Works may recommend one city annually according to Section 22.547 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code. The City of Obregon has expressed a commitment in complying with all applicable procedural requirements in the purchase and acquisition of these vehicles. The fair market value of the equipment is \$5,000, which will be foregone revenue should it be donated.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Fire Department submit a report to the Board of Public Works, within 30 days, for their recommendation of the sale of one (1) LAFD 1996 Red Seagrave Triple Engine (VIN# 1F9EC28T5TCST2106) at below market value (\$1.00) in accordance with LAAC Sec. 22.547 (Donation of Surplus City Equipment to a domestic or foreign government) to the City of Obregon, Mexico to meet the objectives of mutual cooperation between the Cities; and a finding be made that the City of Obregon, Mexico is eligible to purchase the one (1) LAFD 1996 Red Seagrave Triple Engine at below market value (\$1.00) in accordance with L.A.A.C. Section 22.547 (a)(4)(ii); and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney expedite preparation of appropriate documents to effectuate the sale and transfer;

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be instructed to inform the City of Obregon, Mexico [Angel Garcia, Fire Chief, Obregon Fire Department, Chihuahua and 6 de Abril, (644) 417-0904], that the surplus equipment must be claimed within 60 days from the date of Council approval of the request or notification of availability of the equipment, whichever occurs later, at which time the equipment will revert to the City’s surplus equipment pool for disposal by the Department of General Services.

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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