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March 3, 2022

Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
c/o: Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Members of the City Council:

Subject:

Retirement of Park Ranger Division Mounted Unit Horse and Donation of the Horse to Private Citizen

Recommendation for Council Action:

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) respectfully requests City Council approve the retirement of "Trigger" from City service and grant permission to donate this horse to Juan Fregoso, a private citizen, so that he may live out the remainder of his life under the care of an experienced equestrian; (ii) Find that "Trigger" is surplus City equipment eligible for donation under Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) 22.547 and request the City Council to approve the donation of "Trigger" to Juan Fregoso, a private citizen, as further detailed in attached Report No. 22-044.

Background:

Trigger is a 13 year old Quarter Horse gelding that has been with the Department of Recreation and Parks, Park Ranger Division (Division) since 2016. At the time he was donated to the Division, he had a pre-existing injury to his right, front leg. With proper veterinary care and shoeing, he was able to provide 5 years of service to the Division. He has recently begun showing signs of re-aggravation to his old injury and, as such, has become temperamental and shown signs of aggression. While RAP honors Trigger's service, staff believes that discharging this horse from the City service is the most responsible and prudent course of action at this time. The Division recommends that Trigger be donated as surplus City equipment to Juan Fregoso, a private citizen, in accordance with LAAC 22.547 as the cost to discard, recycle or transport the surplus equipment would otherwise impose a documented net financial cost to the City.

Mr. Fregoso has over 20 years' experience working with horses and owns horse property in Mira Loma, California. RAP Staff believes he has the experience and facilities required to properly care for Trigger with his medical and behavioral needs.



Fiscal Impact Statement:

There is no fiscal impact to 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.

If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please contact Mr. Adam Dedeaux, Senior Park Ranger, at (323) 644-6661.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF RECREATION AND
PARK COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Takisha Sardin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

TAKISHA SARDIN
Acting Commission Executive
Assistant II

Attachments: Board Report No. 22-044

cc: Adam Dedeaux, Senior Park Ranger

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-044

DATE March 03, 2022

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: RETIREMENT OF PARK RANGER DIVISION MOUNTED UNIT HORSE AND
DONATION OF THE HORSE TO PRIVATE CITIZEN

AP Diaz	_____	* M. Rudnick	<u>MR</u>
H. Fujita	_____	C. Santo Domingo	_____
J. Kim	_____	N. Williams	_____


General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Duly acknowledge the practical and intrinsic benefit of the years of dedicated services provided to the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) by resident horse "Trigger", belonging to the ranks of the Park Ranger Division Mounted Unit;
2. Appropriately recognize the qualitative value that the stately presence of "Trigger" added to official events and ceremonies that proudly showcased public display, decorum, and propriety;
3. Bestow upon "Trigger" its rightful place of gratitude and honor within the annals of RAP history as it's readied for discharge from service and retirement to places of well-deserved care and safety;
4. Approve the retirement of "Trigger" from City service and grant permission to donate this horse to Juan Fregoso, a private citizen, so that he may live out the remainder of his life under the care of an experienced equestrian;
5. Find that "Trigger" is surplus City equipment eligible for donation under Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) 22.547 and request the City Council to approve the donation of "Trigger" to Juan Fregoso, a private citizen;
6. Direct RAP staff to notify the General Services Department (GSD) and Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) of this surplus equipment available for donation in accordance with LAAC 22.547.

BOARD REPORT

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STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 4: Actively Engage Communities

Outcome No. 4: Enhanced visibility and awareness of Department parks, programs, and projects

FISCAL IMPACT:

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This report was prepared by Adam Dedeaux, Mounted Unit Supervisor