

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Anthony Mata

**SUBJECT: DONATION OF A RETIRED
FORD CROWN VICTORIA VEHICLE**

DATE: September 1, 2023

Approved



Date

9/7/23

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the San José Police Department to donate a retired Ford Crown Victoria to the San José Police Historical Society.

SUMMARY AND OUTCOME

Approval of this action will enable the San José Police Department and the San José Police Historical Society to collaborate with the United Lowrider Council of San José to transform the Crown Victoria into a cultural piece of art. Once the transformation has been completed, the vehicle will be available for the community to view and enjoy.

BACKGROUND

The San José Police Department has a rich history that spans over 173 years. The San José Police Historical Society was created in 1992 by (retired) Captain Stephen D'Arcy to preserve and document this history. Part of the preservation included the collection of San José police artifacts and vehicles used by the department. Through the efforts of active and retired department members, family members, and the community, the San José Police Historical Society has amassed a large collection of documents, uniforms, police equipment, and vehicles.

ANALYSIS

The San José Police Historical Society is registered as a non-profit organization under California law as a subsidiary of the San José Police Officers' Association. The San José Police Historical Society must rely on the generosity of municipalities, businesses, and individuals who donate parts, equipment, labor, and expertise in order to accomplish the task of restoring the vehicles it collects.

The department utilized the Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor as its primary patrol vehicle from 1997 until production ceased in 2012. It has been over 11 years since the last Crown Victoria came off the production line and the San José Police Department is retiring the last of the Crown Victorias. Other than the Dodge Diplomat, no other police vehicle has had as long and distinguished service record as the Crown Victoria, serving the City of San José in every capacity from a K-9 unit vehicle to undercover operations. The Fleet Management Division within the City's Public Works Department is responsible for vehicle build-ups and has identified a marked Crown Victoria for donation to the San José Police Historical Society.

The department desires to continue building a partnership with the United Lowrider Council of San José. For this reason, the department and the San José Police Historical Society will collaborate with the United Lowrider Council of San José to transform the Crown Victoria into a cultural piece of art. Once the transformation has been completed, the vehicle will be available for the community to view and enjoy.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

No subsequent City Council action on this issue is necessary. San José Police Department staff will report to City Council on the finished product, including photos and the impact on the community.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

Due to the fact that the donated vehicle will be a retired San José Police Department vehicle, there is no associated cost.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the Office of the City Attorney and the City Manager's Budget Office.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The department, through its Media Relations Unit, will inform the public about the donated vehicle through social media posts. The posts will include photos of the finished product and information on opportunities to see it in person, such as public gatherings and events.

This memorandum will be posted on the City's Council Agenda website for the September 19, 2023 City Council meeting.

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COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION AND INPUT

No commission recommendation or input is associated with this action.

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP17-003, Agreements/Contracts (New or Amended) resulting in no physical changes to the environment.

PUBLIC SUBSIDY REPORTING

This item does not include a public subsidy as defined in section 53083 or 53083.1 of the California Government Code or the City's Open Government Resolution.



ANTHONY MATA
Chief of Police

For questions, please contact Lieutenant Paul Hamblin, San José Police Department, Research & Development Unit, at (408) 277-5200.