

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE. October 10, 2012

TO: Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

FROM: Gerry F. Miller 
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Assignment No. 12-10-0806

Donation of Surplus Buses to the Dream Center

Motion (Garcetti-LaBonge) (C.F. 12-1532) proposes a below market sale of two surplus buses to the Dream Center (equipment IDs 92032, 92035) to be used to provide transportation services. Founded in 1994, the Dream Center serves over 40,000 people each month and provides residential rehabilitation programs for teens and adults, a shelter for victims of human trafficking and homeless families, mobile hunger relief, and medical programs, among other life-changing programs.

On November 28, 2006 (C.F. 04-1822), the Council adopted a new policy regarding donation of surplus City equipment, including a provision to enable the sale of surplus equipment at less than current market value to nonprofit organizations located in the City of Los Angeles which have been established exclusively to further the services provided by the City and its departments. As the Dream Center provides community benefit services to residents of the City, the organization is eligible for this below market value sale of surplus equipment. Two surplus buses have been identified to fulfill the needs of the donation request.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

1. Find that the Dream Center is eligible to purchase two (2) buses (equipment IDs 92032, 92035) at below market value (\$1.00 each), in accordance with LAAC Sec. 22.547 (Donation of Surplus City Equipment) and policy adopted by the Council on November 28, 2006 (C.F. 04-1822), inasmuch as the Dream Center is a non-profit organization located in the City of Los Angeles that has been established exclusively to further the services provided by the City and its departments. The below market sale is authorized subject to the requirement that programs, services, and events supported by these surplus buses are open to the entire community regardless of a person's spiritual beliefs and/or religious affiliation.
2. Request the City Attorney to expedite preparation of the appropriate documents to effectuate the sale and transfer of the above identified surplus equipment at below market value to the Dream Center.

3. Instruct the City Clerk to inform the Dream Center [Daniel Ovando, Business Office Manager, 2301 Bellevue Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90026, (213) 273-7060] that the surplus equipment must be claimed within 60 days from the date of Council approval of the request at which time it will revert to the City's surplus equipment pool for disposal by the Department of General Services.

FISCAL IMPACT

The sale of two surplus buses at below market value is consistent with the City's Financial Policies as the Dream Center is a non-profit organization located in the City of Los Angeles that has been established exclusively to further the services provided by the City and its departments. This below market sale will increase the General Fund by \$2.00.



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Attachment: 1. Motion (Garcetti-LaBonge).

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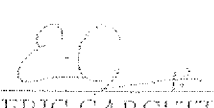
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The Thirteenth Council District (CD 13) has received a request to donate two surplus buses to the Dream Center, for use in their Adopt-A-Block program, a mobile outreach service that offers community and social services to Los Angeles neighborhoods. The buses will be used to transport volunteers and items such as clothing and groceries to needy Los Angeles residents in South Central, Echo Park, Silverlake, and Skid Row. These buses will also be used to transport residents from these communities to the Back to School Backpack Giveaway, Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway, and the Joy of Christmas Musical Presentation and Toy Giveaway. The Dream Center affirms that programs, services, and events are open to the entire community regardless of a person's spiritual beliefs and/or religious affiliation.

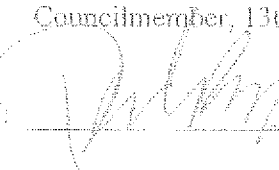
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I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

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PRESENTED BY: 

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SECONDED BY: 

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