



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** March 5, 2013  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Chief's Staff, Police Department  
**SUBJECT:** Appropriation Of K-9 Funds And K-9 Purchase

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Appropriate \$24,700 from the Police K-9 Unit Trust Fund, from available reserves, to the Police K-9 Account for the purchase of a Police canine and related equipment, training, and program costs; and
- B. Find it in the City's best interest to waive the formal bid procedure as authorized by Municipal Code §4.52.080 (k) and approve the purchase of a new canine, equipment, and related training from Mission Canines.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City maintains a trust fund to account for donations received for the benefit of the Santa Barbara Police Department K-9 program to help offset the cost of purchasing, training, and maintaining K-9 police dogs and to help with the purchase of day-to-day equipment necessary in maintaining a healthy working environment.

On January 26, 2013, K-9 police dog "Hondo" was retired from active duty. With the recent appointment of a new K-9 Police Officer, a new specially trained K-9 police dog will be purchased, along with related training and equipment. It is estimated that the costs associated with the purchase will be \$19,700. The additional funding necessary to offset the cost of maintaining the current day-to-day K-9 program through Fiscal Year 2013 will be an estimated \$5,000.

Staff proposes to purchase the replacement canine from Mission Canines, the vendor used since 1991. Mission Canines is a highly responsible local vendor. We have purchased five canines from Mission Canines. Mission Canines currently provides the department's ongoing monthly training. Staff is satisfied with the services of Mission Canines and wants to ensure the continued consistency of the K-9 program.

Currently, the balance of funds available from donations in the Police K-9 Unit Trust Fund is \$43,531. Staff is requesting that Council appropriate \$24,700 for K-9 program use through the end of Fiscal Year 2013.

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