



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** April 15, 2008

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Police Department, Community Services

**SUBJECT:** Appropriation Of Asset Forfeiture Funds For The Purchase Of Ballistic Helmets With Attached Face Shields And To The Santa Barbara Police Activities League

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A Appropriate \$46,548 in currently available asset forfeiture funds to the Police Special Operations Account to fund the purchase of new ballistic helmets with attached face shields; and
- B Appropriate \$20,000 in currently available asset forfeiture funds to the Santa Barbara Police Activities League, a California non-profit, to fund after school programs on the campuses of local junior high schools.

### DISCUSSION:

According to the California Attorney General's Annual Report on Asset Forfeiture, "The goal of asset forfeiture is to remove the profits from those that benefit from illegal drug trade." The report goes on to provide: "Asset forfeiture proceeds are used to fund education and drug abuse prevention programs." The law also permits law enforcement agencies to use the proceeds of forfeiture to purchase safe, more effective equipment that they otherwise could not afford. Based on this, the Police Department seeks to utilize currently available asset forfeiture funds to purchase necessary ballistic helmets with face shields and to provide funds to Santa Barbara Police Activities League.

Santa Barbara Police Department management and the Santa Barbara Police Officers Association have agreed to replace the older black and white riot helmets with ballistic capable helmets, in order to afford a greater protection to officers during those incidents of high risk, such as narcotic search-warrant service. The Santa Barbara Police Department will purchase ballistic helmets with attached face shields for every police officer. The helmets provide ballistic and impact attenuation to the user. Ballistic helmets will provide protection currently unavailable to officers during high risk activities and offer substantially better protection with additional side coverage to the wearer over the current non-ballistic riot helmets issued. The attached face shield interlocks with the

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helmet and offers a greater face protection during riot conditions and will accommodate the currently used gas mask.

Additionally, to further the goal of education, the Santa Barbara Police Department desires to provide funds to the Santa Barbara Police Activities League in order to provide after school programs to junior high school age children to include: basketball, soccer, hip-hop dance, martial arts and PONY league baseball. These programs will greatly enhance a safe environment for after school sports and dance and promote interaction with the Santa Barbara Police Activities League. The programming will be provided to all four City junior high schools, including Goleta Valley Junior High School.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office