



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** June 3, 2008  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Patrol Division, Police Department  
**SUBJECT:** K-9 Program Donation And K-9 Purchase

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Accept the donations of \$14,910 for the Police Department Canine Program;
- B. Appropriate the \$14,910 from the donated funds and \$2,400 from the K-9 reserve funds to the Police K-9 Account for the purchase of a Police canine, equipment and related training costs; and
- C. 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:**

On March 9, 2008, Santa Barbara Police Department K-9 Ignaz died unexpectedly from Mesenteric Torsion; he was only five years old. K-9 Ignaz came to the department in December 2004, where he worked in patrol and narcotic detection for the past three years. During his short career, K-9 Ignaz assisted in 44 suspect apprehensions and over 150 narcotic finds.

The Santa Barbara Police Department K-9 Program is funded solely through community donations. After the passing of Ignaz there was an outpouring of donations from the community to purchase a new K-9. The donations came from local citizens and businesses. The vast majority of the donations were facilitated by David Borgatello, owner of MarBorg Industries, who collected funds from the community and forwarded them to the Police Department. Mr. David Borgatello will be present at Council to show his commitment to the K-9 program.

The funds will be used to purchase one police canine, equipment and related training costs. 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 our ongoing monthly training. Staff is satisfied with the services of Mission Canines and wants to ensure the continued consistency of the K-9 program.

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Camerino Sanchez, Chief of Police

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