



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** April 12, 2011  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Chief's Staff, Police Department  
**SUBJECT:** Records Destruction For Police Department

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Relating to the Destruction of Records Held by the Police Department in the Administrative Services, Patrol, and Chief's Staff Divisions.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 09-098 on December 15, 2009, approving the City of Santa Barbara Records Management Policies and Procedures Manual. The Manual contains the records retention and disposition schedules for all City departments. The schedules are a comprehensive listing of records created or maintained by the City, the length of time each record should be retained, and the legal retention authority. If no legal retention authority is cited, the retention period is based on standard records management practice.

Pursuant to the Manual, the Chief of Police submitted a request for records destruction to the City Clerk Services Manager to obtain written consent from the City Attorney. The City Clerk Services Manager agreed that the list of records proposed for destruction conformed to the retention and disposition schedules. The City Attorney has consented in writing to the destruction of the proposed records.

The Chief of Police requests the City Council to approve the destruction of the Police Department records in the Administrative Services, Patrol, and Chief's Staff Divisions listed on Exhibit A of the resolution without retaining a copy.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

Under the City's Sustainable Santa Barbara Program, one of the City's goals is to increase recycling efforts and divert waste from landfills. The Citywide Records Management Program outlines that records approved for destruction be recycled, reducing paper waste.

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