# CITY OF OAKLAND AGENDA REPORT

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TO:

Office of the City Administrator

ATTN:

Deborah Edgerly

FROM:

Finance and Management Agency

DATE:

December 21, 2004

RE:

Resolution authorizing the gift of a City of Oakland Police Call Box and pedestal to Chief of Police Richard L. Word in recognition of his 20 years of service to the Oakland Police department and the city of Oakland in accord with article 206 of

the city charter

### **SUMMARY**

The Finance and Management Agency, Information Technology Division requests City Council approval of a resolution authorizing the gift of a city of Oakland Police Call box and pedestal to Chief of Police Richard L. Word in recognition of his 20 years of service to the Oakland Police department and the City of Oakland.

Article 206 authorizes the City Council to set compensation for City employees, including retirement benefits, gifts, and other such compensation. The gift of this Police Call Box and pedestal is in compliance with this charter provision.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Police call boxes are no longer in use and the remaining units have been placed in storage. The estimated value of the Police Call Box and pedestal is \$500.00

### **BACKGROUND**

Police Call Boxes had served the men and women of the Oakland Police department for over 100 years. The early versions of these devices were directly connected to the Central Police Station and the two substations in northern and eastern Oakland. During World War II, many of these Police Call Boxes were converted to public boxes for the general public to contact the police department of criminal activities. In 1960's, the Police department consolidated its operation into one centralized operation at the present Police administration building and the Police Call Boxes were converted to Rotary dial telephones for Police and emergency services. The final change came to the present day boxes when they were converted to touch-tone units and installed with telephone jacks for laptop use. In August of 2004, the last call box was taken out service and the unit being presented to the Chief is the last unit to be removed.

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### **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

The gift of a Police call box is in accord with the City charter and allows the City Council to present a gift that is symbolic of the Oakland Police department and the City of Oakland,

### SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

The reuse of obsolete equipment reduces the amount of potential waste that is delivered to landfill.

## ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff requests City Council approval of a resolution authorizing the gift of a city of Oakland police call box and pedestal to Chief of Police Richard L. Word in recognition of his 20 years of service to the Oakland Police department and the City of Oakland in Accord with Article 206 of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Noland, Director Finance and Management Agency

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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WHEREAS, The	City of Oakland retired its l	Police Call Box system in 2004; and
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**RESOLVED:** that the City Council hereby authorizes the City to provide Chief Richard L. Word, a City of Oakland Police Call Box and pedestal in recognition of his exemplary service to the City of Oakland and its citizens.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND,	CALIFORNIA,	
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## PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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ATTEST: CEDA FLOYD

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California

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