

# CITY OF OAKLAND

## AGENDA REPORT

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**To:** Office of the City Administrator  
**Attn:** Deborah Edgerly  
**From:** Police Department  
**Date:** June 24, 2008

**Re: A Report and Proposed Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator, or Her Designee, on Behalf of the City of Oakland to Accept A Donation in the Amount of One Hundred Dollars Thousand (\$100,000) From the Office of Senator Don Perata For the Purpose of Compensating Citizens of Oakland Who Participated In the City's Gun Buy-Back Program**

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### SUMMARY

Staff has prepared a report and proposed resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the Office of Senator Don Perata for the purpose of compensating Oakland citizens who participated in the City's Gun Buy-Back Program. The program was conducted on February 9, 2008 in three locations throughout the City of Oakland.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will allow the Police Department to compensate 198 citizens holding vouchers from the Gun-Buy Back program. The total amount to be disbursed is \$88,750; remaining funds in the amount of \$11,250 will be used as compensation for future gun exchange projects.

### BACKGROUND

On February 9, 2008, California State Senator Don Perata sponsored the "One Less Gun" gun buy-back program at three locations in Oakland. Allen Temple Baptist Church, located at 8501 International Blvd., Christian Cathedral, located at 2433 Coolidge Ave., and True Vine Ministries, located at 896 Isabella Street, were selected as safe and accessible venues for community members to turn in firearms as a part of the Gun Buy-Back program.

Members of the Police Department, the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, and Senator Perata's staff, along with volunteers from the aforementioned spiritual organizations, worked together to make the event a success; however, the program ran out of allotted funds early, due to the high number of participants in the gun exchange program.

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In order to retain as many of the firearms as possible, the Police Department authorized the distribution of vouchers, which would be used to receive cash compensation at a later date, in exchange for firearms.

### **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

The gun exchange program was successful and netted approximately 1,000 firearms, which included pistols and assault rifles (many of which were functional).

There were no reported incidents at any of the sites and community feedback was generally positive, with the exception of the lack of money on hand to pay participants.

By compensating the individuals who received vouchers instead of cash will ensure future gun buy-back projects are not jeopardized by the City's inability to produce promised funds.

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

As the primary sponsor of the February 2008 Gun Buy-Back Program event, the Office of Senator Don Perata has offered to provide funding in the amount of \$100,000 for use in compensating citizens who are in possession of the "One Less Gun" buy-back vouchers.

### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Economic:** Citizens who receive cash in exchange for vouchers may choose to become consumers in the City of Oakland, contributing to the economic health of the City.

**Environmental:** There are no environmental opportunities identified in this report.

**Social Equity:** An important potential benefit of gun buy-back programs is the enhancement of public safety when firearms are turned in for destruction. Gun Buy-Back programs are a viable resource for recovering firearms which may fall into the wrong hands and used for criminal purposes, and the intentional or unintentional death or injury of a person or persons.

### **DISABILITY AND SENIOR ACCESS**

There are no ADA or senior citizen access issues identified in this report.

### **RECOMMENDATION / RATIONALE**

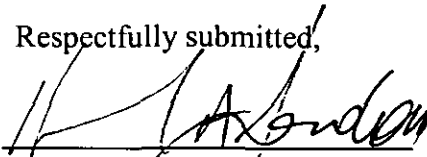
Staff recommends acceptance of this report and approval of the proposed resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the Office of Senator Don Perata for the purpose of compensating citizens of Oakland who participated in the City's Gun Buy-Back Program.

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**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL**

Staff requests that the City Council approve the proposed resolution Authorizing the City Administrator, or her designee to accept the \$100,000 in donated funds in order to honor gun buy-back vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

  
for Wayne G. Tucker  
Chief of Police

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO  
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

  
Office of the City Administrator

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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, OR HER  
DESIGNEE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND TO ACCEPT ONE  
HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) FROM THE OFFICE OF  
SENATOR DON PERATA FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPENSATING  
CITIZENS OF OAKLAND WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CITY'S GUN  
BUY-BACK PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Police Department seeks to accept \$100,000 from the Office of Senator Don Perata and compensate Oakland citizens who obtained "One less Gun" gun buy-back vouchers during the gun exchange program in February 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Police Department's allocation of proposed funds will allow Oakland resident voucher holders to receive promised cash for guns; and

**WHEREAS**, the allocation of said funds will ensure future gun buy-back projects are not jeopardized by the City's inability to produce promised funds; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code 2.04.016, the City Council finds and determines that it is in the City's best interests to accept funds in the \$100,000; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator, or her designee, to accept \$100,000 in donated funds to provide compensation to "One Less Gun" gun buy-back voucher holders, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator, or her designee, to execute any further documents necessary to implement this resolution; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to modify, extend, or amend said agreement, provided that no additional funds shall be allocated without prior Council approval.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

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