



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Robert Davis  
Larry D. Lisenbee

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** October 27, 2004

Approved

*Ray Winter*

Date

*11/2/04*

Council District: City-wide

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF GIFT TRUST FUND ANNUAL APPROPRIATION  
ORDINANCE AND FUNDING SOURCES RESOLUTION  
AMENDMENTS**

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following amendments to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance and Funding Sources Resolution in the Gift Trust Fund:

1. Increase the Police Mounted Unit appropriation to the Police Department by \$22,343.
2. Increase the estimate for Earned Revenue by \$22,343.

## BACKGROUND

Since 1985, funds have been donated to the City in support of the Horse Mounted Unit. These funds are used primarily to purchase horses for the unit. Because horses have a limited life span for serving in the Mounted Unit, they must be replaced on a regular basis.

In July 2004, San Jose Police horse, Max, became ill and had to be rushed to Peninsula Equine in Menlo Park for emergency medical assistance. At the time Max was admitted to the equine hospital, the veterinarians advised that surgery might be required that could exceed \$12,000.

When the public learned about Max's plight, they donated money to the Mounted Unit's Gift Trust Fund. Unfortunately, Max did not recover from his illness.

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**ANALYSIS**

At the completion of treatment, Peninsula Equine had accrued medical expenses totaling \$23,294.45. They generously discounted Max's medical bill to \$15,294.45. To date, more than \$22,000 has been received from donors who have sent checks to the San Jose Police Mounted Unit. Donors have indicated that their donation should be used to offset Max's medical bills and to purchase a replacement horse. In order to utilize these funds, appropriation action in the Gift Trust Fund is necessary.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH**

Various members of the public have supported the treatment and ultimate replacement of Max through their generous donations and self-initiated fund-raising activities.

**COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, and the Code Enforcement Unit of the Building, Planning and Code Enforcement Department.

**COST IMPLICATIONS**

These actions will result in no additional cost to the City.

**BUDGET REFERENCE**

Fund #	Appn. #	Appn. Name	Total Appn.	Amount of increase	2004-2005 Adopted Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
139	2088	Police Mounted Unit	\$5,730	\$22,343	XI-33	10/12/04. Ord. No. 27267

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Not a project.



LARRY D. LISENBEE  
Budget Director



ROBERT L. DAVIS  
Chief of Police

I hereby certify there will be available for the appropriation in the Gift Trust Fund in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 moneys in excess of those heretofore appropriated therefrom, said excess being at least \$22,343.



LARRY D. LISENBEE  
Budget Director