

January 23, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement and all necessary documents with the Automobile Club of Southern California, of Costa Mesa, CA, to accept a non-monetary donation of three "Mark3-53 Cat Etcher" dot peen battery powered engraving systems, with an estimated value of \$16,633, at no cost to the Long Beach Police Department. (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

City Council approval is requested to execute an agreement with the Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA) to accept the donation of three new "Mark3-53 Cat Etcher" dot peen battery powered engraving systems at no cost to the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD). The department will utilize the donation to continue to conduct community outreach and engagement events such as "Etch and Catch" in which the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is engraved onto a vehicle's catalytic converter. The engraving systems will be used to deter theft, while also increasing the odds of recovering stolen parts to owners.

In 2023, LBPD hosted four catalytic converter etching events that has helped over 550 Long Beach residents have their VIN or license plate number etched onto their vehicle's catalytic converter. The three engraving systems to be donated will allow for additional catalytic converters to be engraved at future "Etch and Catch" events.

This matter was received by Deputy City Attorney Arturo D. Sanchez on December 5, 2023 and by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamouch on December 18, 2023.

**TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

City Council action is requested on January 23, 2024, to ensure the donation of the three engraving systems can take place expeditiously.

**LEVINE ACT**

This item is subject to the Levine Act. The Mayor, Councilmembers, and Commissioners who have received a contribution of more than \$250 within 12 months prior from a party, participant, or their representatives involved in this proceeding may do either of the following: (1) disclose the contribution on the record and recuse themselves from this proceeding; OR (2) return the portion of the contribution that exceeds \$250 within 30 days from the time the elected official

knew or should have known about the contribution and participate in the proceeding.

All parties, participants, and their representatives must disclose on the record of this proceeding any contribution of more than \$250 made to the Mayor or any Councilmembers within 12 months prior to the date of the proceeding. The Mayor, Councilmembers, and Commissioners are prohibited from accepting, soliciting, or directing a contribution of more than \$250 from a party, participant, or their representatives, during a proceeding and for 12 months following the date a final decision is rendered.

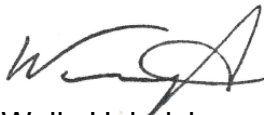
#### FISCAL IMPACT

The "Mark3-53 Cat Etcher" dot peen battery powered engraving systems have an estimated value of \$16,633. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

#### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief of Police  
Police Department

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA  
CITY MANAGER