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Donation of Honeywell Titan Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

The County of Los Angeles (County) regularly identifies surplus property in excess of respective County departments' needs. In such situations, the County has the option to donate such surplus property to appropriate community-based organizations. The Consolidated Fire Protection District (District) has identified Honeywell Titan Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) harnesses, air cylinders, and facepieces, which are no longer supported by the manufacturer and are at the end of their service life per federal regulations and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. These breathing apparatus still hold functional value and can significantly enhance the firefighting capabilities in regions with limited resources that are not subject to the same regulations as the District. This donation aligns with our commitment to fostering cooperation and goodwill, particularly in the realm of public safety and emergency response.

The International Firefighters Training Association Inc., (IFTA) is a charitable

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organization in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service to receive donations. The IFTA helps to provide training to fire departments in Mexico, as well as facilitate the donation of resources that are critically needed for operations. The Asociación Mexicana de Jefes Bomberos (Asociación) is an organization that provides support, training, and education to firefighting agencies throughout Mexico. During the week of October 17, 2022, representatives of the District attended the Annual Mexican Fire Chief's Association Conference and met with representatives of the Asociación, who indicated a critical need for this equipment. This surplus property will be an asset in improving firefighting and rescue operations throughout Mexico.

Pursuant to Government Code section 25372 (a), the District is requesting approval to donate the surplus breathing apparatus to the IFTA, who will, in turn, donate the breathing apparatus to the Asociación. The District and the IFTA have a good working relationship, and the IFTA is on the County's list of Authorized Donation Agencies.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Declare the following property as surplus property excess to the District:
 - a. 1,254 Honeywell Titan SCBA harnesses.
 - b. 4,207 Honeywell Titan air cylinders.
 - c. 1,860 Honeywell Titan facepieces.
2. Authorize the Fire Chief or his designee, to execute a Donation Agreement with the IFTA, which has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

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