

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL**

June 16, 2026

**Donation of Surplus County Vehicle to Crop Swap LA**

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is authorized to donate end-of-life equipment to approved 501(c)(3) community-based organizations (CBOs). A cargo van has become available for donation, and an eligible CBO has expressed both a need and interest in the equipment.

Founded in 2018, Growing Communities, Inc. (dba Crop Swap LA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to grow food on unused urban land, creating sustainable jobs and providing local, nutrient-rich produce in communities most affected by food insecurity and food apartheid. Through its network of micro-farms across South Los Angeles, Crop Swap LA transforms underutilized lawns and lots into productive growing sites that use rainwater harvesting, regenerative practices, and employ local residents as trained urban farmers.

In 2025, Crop Swap LA donated more than 2,000 pounds of produce to community partners across South Los Angeles, including the Crenshaw YMCA, Brotherhood Crusade, and Los Angeles Unified School District. The organization also operates a weekly farm stand that accepts SNAP/EBT payments, ensuring that all community members have affordable and convenient access to nutrient-rich food.

Crop Swap LA serves and supports some of our most vulnerable residents, and the donation of this vehicle will help expand the organization's capacity to transport

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produce, supplies, seedlings, and equipment between its micro-farm sites and the communities it serves.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Declare the following vehicle as surplus property in excess of the Department of Public Works' (DPW) needs
  - a. 2010 Chevrolet Express, Vehicle Identification Number 1GNUHBD4XA1117364, DPW Vehicle Number 08-003.
2. Authorize the Director of DPW, or his designee, to execute the Donation Agreement with Growing Communities, Inc. (dba Crop Swap LA). The transfer of title will be processed by DPW.

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