



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: June 2, 2009

SUBJECT: Proclamation for the Transfer of Equipment to Woodland's Sister City
of La Piedad

Report in Brief

The City of Woodland is supporting its Sister City of La Piedad, Mexico by facilitating the transfer of five buses from Sacramento Regional Transit. In recognition of this collaboration, officials and guests from La Piedad will be in Woodland and present at the June 2 City Council meeting. The attached Proclamation commemorates this effort which will improve La Piedad's municipal transit system.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve and present the attached Proclamation to the Mayor, officials and guests from the Sister City of La Piedad recognizing the collaboration to facilitate the transfer of the buses as described herein.

Background

The Woodland City Council named La Piedad as its Sister City in February 2005. This designation recognized the fact that many Woodland residents have family ties to La Piedad and the promotion of cultural exchange and goodwill are among many elements generated by the Sister City concept. As part of the goodwill, the City of Woodland is working with Sacramento Regional Transit to facilitate the transfer of five (5) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses to La Piedad. This transfer will allow surplus equipment to remain in use where it will improve La Piedad's municipal transit system. The \$9,000 cost associated with this transfer was funded by the citizens of La Piedad. City staff is working with Regional Transit and La Piedad officials to make the arrangements associated with this transfer.

On June 2, officials and guests from La Piedad, including the Mayor, will be in Woodland and in attendance at the City Council meeting. This visit provides an opportunity to recognize the collaboration between the two Sister Cities as well as Sacramento Regional Transit.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the City Council approve and present the attached Proclamation to the Mayor, officials and guests from the Sister City of La Piedad recognizing the collaboration to facilitate the transfer of the buses as described herein.

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Attachments: Proclamation and Flier

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PROCLAMATION

FACILITATION OF TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT TO LA PIEDAD, MICHOACAN, MEXICO

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents of the City of Woodland hail from La Piedad, Mexico and this City has been named as Sister City to the City of Woodland; and,

WHEREAS, the City of La Piedad in in need of buses for its municipal transit system; and,

WHEREAS, Sacramento Regional Transit has five Compressed Natural Gas buses they are willing to sell to La Piedad; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of La Piedad have raised \$9,000 to fund the purchase and transfer of these buses from Sacramento Regional Transit to La Piedad; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Woodland, through our Sister City relationship with La Piedad, would like to facilitate the purchase and transfer of these buses by working with public officials on both sides of the border; and,

WHEREAS, City officials from La Piedad, including the Mayor, will be in Woodland and attending the June 2 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland will assist with the legalities of a pass through of these funds from La Piedad to Sacramento Regional Transit for the transfer of ownership of these buses to La Piedad.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2009.

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice Mayor

Martie L. Dote, Council Member

William Marble, Council Member

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