TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER DEPARTMENT: FIRE

AGENDA DATE: JUNE 5, 2006 CMR: 239:06

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DONATING SURPLUS FIRE EQUIPMENT TO OAXACA, MEXICO

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that Council adopt the attached resolution donating surplus fire equipment to Oaxaca, Mexico.

BACKGROUND
In early 2006, Palo Alto Neighbors Abroad contacted the Fire Department inquiring about the possibility of surplus fire equipment being donated to Palo Alto’s sister city, Oaxaca, Mexico. Staff communicated with Oaxaca’s Fire Chief and confirmed the need for such equipment and the willingness to coordinate with the Mexican government should the request be approved by the City Council.

DISCUSSION
The Fire Department has one surplus fire apparatus, a 1984 Grumman Aerial Cat 100 foot ladder truck. This equipment is no longer used by the Fire Department as it has exceeded its useful life. It has been determined that this piece of equipment has no commercial resale value.

Neighbors Abroad has agreed to coordinate with the government of Mexico for the transfer and shipment of the equipment.

RESOURCE IMPACT
This surplus equipment has no dollar value.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS
This donation is consistent with existing City policies and furthers international and intercultural understanding.

TIME LINE
Transportation of the equipment will occur within 60 days of Council’s approval of this resolution.
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
The request is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ATTACHMENTS
Resolution Donating Surplus Fire Equipment to Oaxaca, Mexico

Department Head Review: _____________________________
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City Manager Approval: ________________________________
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