

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

June 4, 2025
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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MONETARY DONATION – REPORT NO. 28

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners APPROVE and ACCEPT the following solicited, monetary donation for the Los Angeles Police Department (Department).

DONOR:

Los Angeles Mounted Police Foundation
3934 Rigali Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90039

RECIPIENT:
(#25-037) Metropolitan Division

PURPOSE:
Horse

AMOUNT:
\$8,000.00

DISCUSSION

(#25-037) This solicited, monetary donation from the Los Angeles Mounted Police Foundation, valued at \$8,000.00, is for the Metropolitan Division Mounted Unit (Mounted Unit) to purchase a horse named “Domino,” a twelve-year-old, bay in color, Quarter Horse gelding. This horse replaces one of three horses in the Mounted Unit that are being retired. The donor, Los Angeles Mounted Police Foundation, made five donations to the Department in 2024, valued at \$42,000.00; no donations in 2023; and one donation in 2022, valued at \$20,000.00. For questions regarding this donation, please call Captain Cliff Humphris, Commanding Officer, Metropolitan Division, at (213) 352-4800.

This donor has been vetted by the division. The donor is a private organization that offered their assistance to the aforementioned division. The donor has not entered into, performed under, or sought after a contract with the Department; they have not attempted to influence the Department in the past year in a way that would have a direct effect on any individual or entity. The donor may have licenses, permits or other entitlements for use that the Department has influence over; however, there are no open investigations or other potential factors that may give the appearance of a conflict of interest in accepting this donation.

No expressed or implied commitments or promises were made to the donor or representatives of the donor. The donor will not receive any preferential treatment, endorsement or recommendation and the donor is not allowed the use of any Department patents.

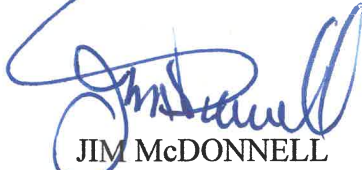
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Administrative Services Bureau has reviewed the donation and ensured the command has verified there were no personal relationships or conflicts associated with the involved vendor. The donation has been submitted in accordance with Section 5.467 et seq. of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, which provides for the receipt and acceptance of donations to the Department.

Respectfully,



JIM McDONNELL
Chief of Police

Attachment

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April 24, 2025
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TO: Commanding Officer, Administrative Services Bureau

FROM: Commanding Officer, Metropolitan Division

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

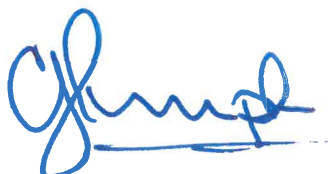
It is requested that Administrative Services Bureau approve and forward correspondence to the Board of Police Commissioners to accept the solicited donation of \$8,000.00 to pay for the purchase of a Quarter Horse Gelding. The horse is being donated by the Los Angeles Mounted Police Foundation to the Los Angeles Police Department's Mounted Platoon, Metropolitan Division. This donation will not be accepted nor placed in use until the Department receives approval from the Board of Police Commissioners, as per the Los Angeles Police Department Manual, Volume III, Section 350.20.

DONOR:

Los Angeles Mounted Police Foundation
3934 Rigali Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90039
(310) 560-0396
ATTN: Margo Lee

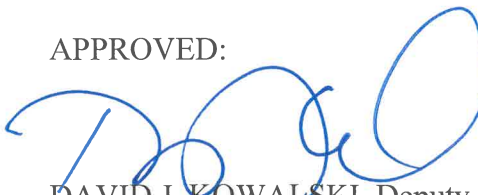
The Los Angeles Mounted Police Foundation is a private organization that has offered to assist Metropolitan Division. The Los Angeles Mounted Police Foundation has not entered into, performs under, or seeks a contract with the Department; has not attempted to influence the Department in the past year that would have a direct effect on the Los Angeles Mounted Police Foundation; and does not have any licenses, permits or other entitlements for use that the Department has influence over. The Los Angeles Mounted Police Foundation is located in Los Angeles and, to our knowledge, there are no potential factors that may give the appearance that there may be a conflict of interest in accepting this donation.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please have a member of your staff contact Captain Cliff Humphris, Commanding Officer, Metropolitan Division, at (213) 352-4800.



CLIFF HUMPHRIS, Captain
Commanding Officer
Metropolitan Division

APPROVED:



DAVID J. KOWALSKI, Deputy Chief
Commanding Officer
Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

Attachments

Background and Trainer Evaluation

Domino is a twelve-year-old, Bay quarter horse gelding. He has a big stout body and stands at approximately 15.1 hands. During the trial period, Domino has continuously progressed and proven to be a quick learner. Domino has a quiet, calm personality and is a well-mannered horse. Throughout the trial process he has demonstrated a willingness and calm demeanor to take on tasks asked of him. Domino has adapted well to his new environment and has been an easy horse to handle inside our barn and has no issues trailering. He has been ridden in various environments to include streets with heavy traffic, training days with twenty different horses, and on trails alone. In all the above-mentioned, Domino was attentive to his handler, brave and managed the environments well without over reacting. When he is ridden, Domino responds well to pressure and is supple to both hand and leg aids, he yields to pressure and travels in a comfortable and controlled manner. Domino was ridden by several different officers and has proven to be responsive to their commands. Domino fits right into our herd and is well-behaved within the barn. Domino will be ready for deployment upon approval by the Police Commission.

Health Evaluation

Domino received a physical examination on March 5, 2025, by contract veterinarian, Dr. David Wheat. Domino's heart, lungs and gastrointestinal motility were determined to be normal and Dr. Wheat did not observe any visible signs of lameness and had no concerns with his conformation. Dr. Wheat liked Domino's size, demeanor and temperament. Farrier Juan Lopez examined Domino's feet and conformation and had no concerns regarding his feet.

In conclusion, Domino was found to be of sound health and mind. His quiet demeanor will allow many riders with varying abilities to be successful during deployments. He has a smooth comfortable ride and responds well to both the riders' hand and leg cues. For his age, size and appearance, this horse's sale price of \$8,000.00 dollars is considered under market value. The fair market value for Domino was determined to be between \$8,000.00 and \$9,500.00 due to his color, demeanor, size and ability to do the job.

It is the opinion of Dr. Wheat, Mr. Lopez, and the equine training staff, that Domino be purchased for use by the Mounted Platoon.

Credentials

- Dr. David Wheat (Veterinarian)
 - 37 years as a Veterinarian
 - 22 years as a City contracted Equine Veterinarian
 - Considered one of the top veterinarians in the Los Angeles Area

- Officer Louis Marin (Equine Trainer)
 - Mounted Officer for 11 years
 - Head trainer for 2 years
 - Responsible for searching and negotiating new horses
 - Primary evaluator for potential horses

- Mr. Juan R. Lopez (Farrier)
 - 25 years shoeing experience
 - Farrier with a minimum of 12 hours per year of continuing education
 - Works on top performance and competition horses



Domino

12-year-old Bay

