

Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

July 8, 2003

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Weldon Rucker, City Manager

Subject: Purchase Order: St. Vincent de Paul Society

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution increasing Purchase Orders with St. Vincent de Paul Society for mattress recycling and transportation services for the Solid Waste Management Division in an amount not to exceed \$33,000 to pay invoices for the closing of Fiscal Year 2003.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The Solid Waste Management Division collects mattresses and box springs from the general public and from other City agencies for a fee to cover disposal costs. Expenses are paid out of the Refuse Fund (820-5608-432.30-38 and 820-5607-432.30-38). Staff estimates the remaining expenses to be \$6,765 by the end of FY 2003.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Mattress recycling is an important part of the City of Berkeley's waste diversion programs and accounts for nearly 56 tons of waste that is recycled each quarter. Through May 2002, the Solid Waste Management Division collected 4,837 mattresses representing approximately 100 tons, and paid St. Vincent de Paul Society \$24,251. In June, staff expects 1,370 more mattresses at \$6,849 additional disposal cost, putting us at a total cost of \$31,100 with the remaining \$1,900 in freight charges for the Fiscal Year.

BACKGROUND

During the past Fiscal Year the quantity of mattresses received has increased significantly. This is due in part to a more dedicated effort by staff to divert mattresses dumped at the Transfer Station and coordination to collect mattresses separately during the annual cleanups. St. Vincent de Paul Society is the sole provider of mattress recycling services. This non-profit corporation provides a trailer to collect discarded mattresses in at the Transfer Station. Mattresses are taken to the St. Vincent de Paul Society recycling facility in Oakland where they are sanitized for reuse where possible. Mattresses and box springs unsuitable for reuse are disassembled and recycled.

A valid Purchase Order is in place but expenses are expected to exceed the \$25,000 annual spending limit, thus Council approval is required.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Disposing of mattresses using St. Vincent de Paul's recycling service is less costly than sending them to the landfill. The recommended action will allow the City to continue to support a very successful recycling program in a cost effective way.

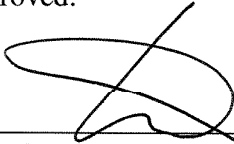
ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Disposing of mattresses in the landfill will increase the cost of disposal and necessitate a rate increase at the Transfer Station. There are no other mattress recyclers available leaving the landfill as the only other alternative.

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Approved:



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RESOLUTION NO.

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ADOPT A RESOLUTION INCREASING PURCHASE ORDERS WITH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOR MATTRESS RECYCLING AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$33,000 TO PAY INVOICES FOR THE CLOSING OF FISCAL YEAR 2003

WHEREAS, mattress recycling is an important part of the City of Berkeley's waste diversion program and accounts for nearly 56 tons of waste that is recycled each quarter; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Management Division collects mattresses and box springs from the general public and from other City agencies for a fee to cover disposal costs; and

WHEREAS, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is the sole provider of mattress recycling services

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to increase Purchase Orders with St. Vincent de Paul Society for mattress recycling and transportation services for the Solid Waste Management Division in an amount not to exceed \$33,000 to pay invoices for the closing of Fiscal Year 2003.