



City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

August 2, 2011
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDER RAISING AWARENESS OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR


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I. SUMMARY

On July 19, 2011, the City Council added this matter to the August 2, 2011 City Council agenda for consideration at the request of Councilmember Santarina.

The draft resolution attached (Exhibit No. 1) directs city staff to inform the residents of Carson of the various programs available to them through the Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Automotive Repair. Tonight the City Council is asked to refer this matter to the City Council Policy sub-committee for review.

II. RECOMMENDATION

REFER this matter to the City Council Policy Sub-committee.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) is administered by the Bureau of Automotive Repair and is designed to help improve California's air quality. Through CAP, an individual may retire a qualified vehicle and receive \$1,000.00 or \$1,500.00 if the individual meets the low income eligibility guidelines. In addition, CAP provides qualified individuals who own a vehicle that fails its biennial Smog Check inspection up to \$500.00 in financial assistance toward emissions-related repairs.

An individual may retire their vehicle at any time for any reason if the individual and the vehicle meet the eligibility requirements. If the application is approved, one may retire one's vehicle for \$1,000.00 or \$1,500.00 depending on income eligibility requirements. Applications for these programs are available online at www.smogcheck.ca.gov or by calling the Department of Consumer Affairs at 1-800-952-5210.