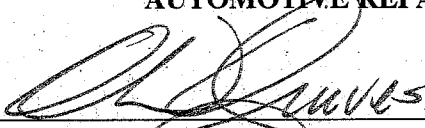


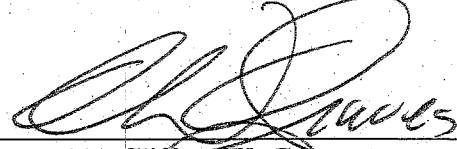


City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

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


Submitted by Clifford W. Graves
Interim City Manager


Approved by Clifford W. Graves
Interim City Manager

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.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

- 1. Draft Resolution. (pgs. 3-4)

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<u>City Clerk</u>	<u>City Treasurer</u>
<u>Administrative Services</u>	<u>Development Services</u>
<u>Economic Development Services</u>	<u>Public Services</u>

Action taken by City Council

Date _____ Action _____

DRAFT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO RAISE AWARENESS REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR AND RETIREMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF CARSON

WHEREAS, the current economic downturn has caused a strain on the financial stability of families all across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the city of Carson is home to fixed-income families, seniors, single-parents and other families experiencing financial difficulties during these times; and

WHEREAS, one of the major causes of financial strain is the huge unexpected cost of repair of aging automobiles to make them roadworthy and/or pass smog tests for purposes of registration; and

WHEREAS, the state of California has a vehicle repair assistance and vehicle retirement program which provides financial assistance to qualified Californians to help offset cost of repair and/or retire aging vehicles; and

WHEREAS, these programs have largely remained unknown to residents of the city of Carson due to limited/inadequate dissemination of information from the state; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the city to ensure that Carson residents are informed and made aware of these programs which not only provide financial help, but also help to preserve the environment by assisting in the financial costs of making vehicles "smog compliant" and rid the community of old vehicles which have become an eye sore and environmental hazard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above-premises the City Council enacts the following resolution:

Section 1. Direct city staff to inform Carson residents of the mechanics and qualifications regarding vehicle repair assistance and vehicle retirement program via the city website, city newsletter, and other communication tools; and

Section 2. Create an oversight committee to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the program; and

Section 3. Make available to Carson residents the program literature, guidelines, and forms from the state; and

[MORE]

EXHIBIT NO. 01



Section 4. An evaluation report after six (6) months of the implementation of this resolution should be submitted to the City Council on how the dissemination campaign has benefited Carson residents.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of August, 2011.

Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

City Clerk Helen S. Kawagoe, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

