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Agenda Report

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Recognition of Outgoing D.A.R.E. Officer Lauren Larsen

BACKGROUND

In 1995, the Santa Clara Police Department began teaching the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. Santa Clara's D.A.R.E. program is now taught at 17 public and private schools.

D.A.R.E. is a drug abuse prevention education program designed to equip elementary school children with knowledge about drug abuse, the consequences of drug abuse, and skills for resisting peer pressure to experiment with drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

DISCUSSION

Officer Lauren Larson joined the Santa Clara Police Department in July 2011, where she held assignments as Mobile Field Force Instructor, Bicycle Patrol Operations Instructor, and Citizens' Police Academy Instructor. In March 2016, Officer Lauren Larsen was assigned to the Community Services Unit of the Santa Clara Police Department where she served as a D.A.R.E. Officer for the past two years and taught the D.A.R.E. program at numerous Santa Clara schools.

Officer Larsen will be leaving the Santa Clara Police Department as she is now moving out of the area. In recognition of her dedication to Santa Clara's D.A.R.E. program and to Santa Clara's youth, Officer Larsen will be presented with a Certificate of Special Mayoral Recognition.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a governmental organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact other than staff time.

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