



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

October 2, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted By: Paul Capraro, Chief of Police

Subject: **Approval of Service Retirement and Agreement to Release Police Service Dog “Baco” to his Police Department Canine Handler**

OVERVIEW

Recommendation – That the City Council approve the service retirement and “Agreement To Release Police Service Dog” (Attachment 1) “Baco” to his Police Department Canine Handler.

Fiscal Impact – As provided in the Agreement to Release Police Service Dog and transfer ownership and all responsibility to the new owner, the City of Pomona shall receive a total of \$1 as full payment for the sale of Police Service Canine “Baco,” upon transfer of ownership from the City of Pomona to his Police Department Canine Handler.

Previous Council Action – On January 5, 2015, the City Council approved the service retirement and Agreement to Release Police Service Dog “Robbie.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pomona Police Department K-9 Procedure 330, *Retirement of Police Dogs*, sets forth criteria for consideration of the retirement of police dogs from service with the City of Pomona. This action will approve the service retirement of Canine “Baco” with the retirement of handler Officer Theo Joseph in November 2017.

DISCUSSION

Pomona Police Canine “Baco” was placed into service on November 19, 2010 and is currently 10 years old. “Baco’s” current handler, Officer Theo Joseph, will be retiring from law enforcement

service at the end of November 2017 and, since “Baco” has also reached retirement age, will be retired from service along with his handler. “Baco” will have given just over 7 years of service working as a patrol K-9.

Pomona Police Department K-9 Procedure 330 allows for the K-9 handler to have first priority in assuming responsibility for the care of the retired canine. Officer Theo Joseph has requested to assume that responsibility for canine “Baco.” Accordingly, an “Agreement to Release Police Service Dog” has been drafted and included as Attachment 1 to this report. This agreement authorizes the sale of canine “Baco” to Officer Theo Joseph for \$1. This sale shall transfer full responsibility and liability for canine “Baco” from the City to Officer Joseph.

Attachment 1: Agreement to Release Police Service Dog