



Council Agenda Report

From: Angelica Fortin, Community Services Director

Subject: Accept Donation of a 2022 Ram ProMaster 2500 Van from Arthur and Sarah Ludwick

CEQA Determination: The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.

Date: July 15, 2025

Facts

1. Two goals of the [Recreation Services Strategic Plan for 2022-2026](#) were to optimize access and forge strategic partnerships through the re-implementation of the Paso Play on Wheels mobile recreation program.
2. An action item identified in the strategic plan to achieve this goal included the hiring of a Program Services Coordinator who was hired in the Spring of 2025.
3. To launch the program, the Recreation Services Division has been planning to outfit an existing van to provide the mobile service. In doing so, it will limit the availability to be used for cargo and transportation of staff for special events and other programming.
4. Former Paso Robles resident Arthur Ludwick and his wife Sarah would like to donate their 2022 Ram ProMaster 2500 van to the Community Services Department to further the Department's goal of providing quality of life services to the community.

Community Outreach

The Recreation Services Strategic Plan goals were developed using feedback received via community input sessions and partner and stakeholder focus groups. Through this process, it was determined that expansion of recreative opportunities through the City was a priority.

Options

1. Take no action;
2. Approve Resolution 25-XXX accepting the donation of a 2022 Ram ProMaster 2500 Van from Arthur and Sarah Ludwick valued at \$73,000;
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis and Conclusions

As part of the 2022–2026 Recreation Services Strategic Plan, two key goals are to optimize community access and build strategic partnerships through the re-launch of the *Paso Play on Wheels* mobile recreation program. To support this initiative, the plan identified the need to hire a Program Services Coordinator, a position that was successfully filled in Spring 2025. To implement the program, the Recreation Services Department has been preparing to retrofit its existing van for mobile recreation use. However, repurposing the van will reduce its availability for transporting cargo and staff to off-site events.

The existing van has historically served as a key resource for group transportation to conferences and city-sponsored activities.

In support of the Department's mission to enhance quality of life through recreation, former Paso Robles resident Arthur Ludwick and his wife Sarah have offered to donate their 2022 Ram 2500 ProMaster van to the Community Services Department. The donation would allow the Department to expand services to include mobile recreation without compromising other operational needs, advancing strategic goals in a cost-effective and meaningful way.



Arthur J. and Sarah L. Ludwick have dedicated decades to advancing education, healthcare, and community development throughout the San Gabriel Valley and beyond. Their joint efforts have supported a wide array of initiatives, from the creation of innovative science education centers at Cal Poly Pomona to the development of emergency care facilities and early childhood education programs. The couple has championed national causes supporting schools, medical and rescue services, and youth organizations. In recognition of their extraordinary contributions, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and the California State University Board of Trustees awarded Arthur Ludwick the honorary degree of Doctor of Science and Sarah Ludwick the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

This gift carries special meaning for Mr. Ludwick, who spent much of his youth in the Paso Robles area. He attended schools in San Miguel and Paso Robles between the 2nd and 9th grades, delivered newspapers for the Paso Robles Press, and fondly remembers his early involvement in the Pioneer Day Parade. The donation of this van reflects his desire to give back to the community that helped shape his early life and underscores the lasting value of investing in future generations.

As required by Fair Political Practices Regulation 18944 this donation is being made to the City, not a specific official; it was not made at the behest of an official and will be used for City business. Staff will file and maintain all Fair Political Practices Commission required filings.

Fiscal Impact

While the van is being donated at no cost to the City, accepting the vehicle does include ongoing fiscal impacts. These include the cost of fuel, routine maintenance, and insurance estimated to be approximately \$1,500 per year and inclusion in the City's vehicle replacement schedule at the current value of \$73,000. Staff will incorporate these costs into the Department's operating budget and long-range vehicle planning.

CEQA

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Recommendation (Option 2)

Approve Resolution 25-XXX accepting the donation of a 2022 Ram ProMaster Van from Arthur and Sarah Ludwick valued at \$73,000.

Attachments

1. Resolution 25-XXX, accepting the donation of a 2022 Ram ProMaster Van from Arthur and Sarah Ludwick