





**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**  
**Employee and Public Services Department**

**DATE:** July 5, 2001

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** July 24, 2001

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors   
**FROM:** Steve Boles, Assistant Director, Employee & Public Services  
Steve Rossi, Division Manager, Purchasing   
**SUBJECT:** **Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Donation of Cell Phones**

**Recommendation**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the donation of surplus cell phones to the CALL TO PROTECT program.

**Background**

Employee and Public Services, in its role as the Surplus Property Agent for the County, has received approximately 100 older model cell phones from Departments as surplus property. There is presently an inventory of 98 phones, with an expectation of receiving a small number of additional phones during this fiscal year.

The phones have been offered to the general public for \$3 to \$5 each at our monthly surplus property sales, but in the last six months we have sold only a few. The primary reason for the low sales is that these phones do not have any of the coveted features found on newer cell phones.

These cell phones are valuable, however, to the programs and agencies that protect victims of domestic violence. In conjunction with the Wireless Foundation, Motorola, and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, donated cell phones are refurbished and programmed to dial 911 and limited non-emergency numbers, offering a first line of security to victims of domestic violence.

## **Discussion**

The County recently initiated a program encouraging members of the public to donate old cell phones to the County's Public Safety Communication Office. The phones are then distributed to the appropriate domestic violence agencies in conjunction with San Mateo County Law Enforcement and Fire Agencies. Since there is a very limited demand for these phones for general use and we have not been able to sell them, we recommend that they be donated to this program.

## **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact since we do not anticipate being able to sell these phones at our surplus property sales.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYEE AND  
PUBLIC SERVICES TO DONATE SURPLUS CELL PHONES TO THE "CALL TO  
PROTECT" DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of  
California, that

**WHEREAS**, there has been presented to this Board of Supervisors for its consideration  
a request to donate the County's surplus inventory of cell phones to the CALL TO PROTECT  
program.

**WHEREAS**, this Board has determined the donations of these cell phones to be in the  
best interest of San Mateo County in its fight against domestic violence.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that this  
Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director of Employee and Public Services to donate  
the surplus cell phones to the CALL TO PROTECT domestic violence program.

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