

Without the use of this aerial truck, the tree trimming unit of Parks and Natural Resources has been unable to trim many of the cities older, taller Eucalyptus, Oak, and Palm trees creating a safety hazard caused by seasonal storms. The loss of this vehicle has created a backlog between 200 and 300 requests for tree pruning service. It has also significantly limited light replacement in the City's parks, which cover approximately 500 lights annually.

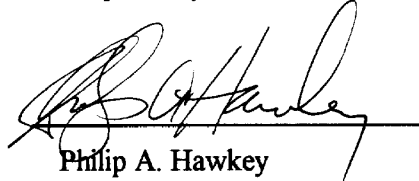
Currently, the City is able to meet some of its high priority demands by leasing a truck when needed. Because of the scarcity of these type vehicles in Southern California, the cost is typically \$1,000 per day with up to one month of lead time required to secure a rental.

In May of 1997, the City of Santa Clara undertook a competitive bidding process for the purchase of one (1) aerial truck. As a result of the bid process, San Francisco awarded a contract to Altec Industries, Inc. Altec Industries has offered to extend this 1997 bid price to the City of Pasadena. Purchasing the requested aerial truck from Altec would be in the City's best interests for several reasons. Were the City to undertake its own bid process, the time involved in preparing the necessary bid documents and obtaining the required approvals would most likely result in the City purchasing at 1998 or even 1999 model year prices, as well as incurring associated staff costs. The time necessary to prepare bid specifications, review proposals and award a competitive bid would add at least three months to the process and delay the delivery of a new vehicle until the end of the calendar year.

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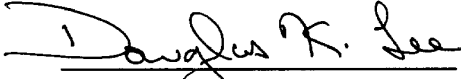
This equipment is a budgeted replacement and funds in the amount of \$76,141.97 are available for use in the Equipment Replacement Fund, account #766300.

Respectfully submitted,

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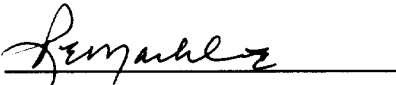
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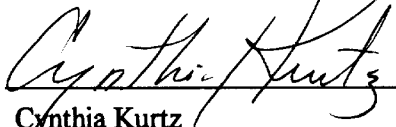
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