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## **Food From The Bar Raises Half A Million Dollars For LA Food Bank**



Lawyers and legal organizations banded together for the Food from the Bar campaign, which raised \$521,274 for the Los Angeles Food Bank. During the campaign, more than 11,000 pounds of food was collected and 819 hours of volunteer shifts were completed: the food will provide approximately 2,085,096 meals to those in need. Photo courtesy of LA Food Bank, lafoodbank.org.

### **Three-Year Agreement Approved** For Hazardous Waste Removal

#### **By Cristian Vasquez**

The recommendation by the City's Public Works Director Louis A. Atwell, to award a three-year contract to Ocean Blue Environmental Services, Inc., was approved by the Inglewood City Council in the amount of \$51,000, without exceeding \$17,000 a year.

The agreement approved by the council will allow Ocean Blue Environmental Services, Inc. to oversee and manage the implementation of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act [RCRA] and Non-RCRA hazardous waste, which was in the past carried out by the former City of Inglewood Fire Department.

"In October 2002, the City of Inglewood entered into an agreement with the Los Angeles County Fire Department to provide fire protective services," states the staff report signed by Atwell. "With this transfer, the Public Works Department became responsible for the oversight and management of hazardous waste materials." During the month of May, the Inglewood City Clerk's Office publicized its Request for Proposals for emergency hazardous waste removal. The RFP notice was directly sent to 11 companies considered experienced in the "collecting, removal and disposal" of hazardous waste materials, including Ocean Blue Environmental Services, Inc. However, only two proposals were received by the city, including one from runner up United Pumping Services, Inc. With the approval of the contract, Ocean Blue Environmental Services, Inc. will be responsible for on-call and the performance of emergency services such as: the removal of used oil and automotive batteries; the clean up of diesel spills, hazardous chemicals and unidentified substances; the disposal of fluorescent lights, aerosol cans and household

batteries; the removal and disposal of city generated hazardous waste and materials; the removal of body fluids resulting from vehicle accidents or law enforcement activity; and lastly the initiation of containment and cleanup procedures, as may be needed.

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"The Los Angeles County Haz-Mat Guidelines require that first responders, clean up personnel, and transporters be certified by regulatory agencies to engage in cleanup and disposal operations," states the staff report presented at the council meeting. "Over the years, the City has complied with the County's guidelines by outsourcing all hazardous waste related activities to certified contractors." Through a review panel, made up of public works staff, all proposals were reviewed and led the panel to conclude that the plans presented by Ocean Blue "reflected a more detailed understanding of the potential range of services required to effectively manage the City's regulatory responsibilities." Due to the experience and extensive work history with local government agencies, along with the company's familiarity as well as its previous experience with the City of Inglewood with managing hazardous waste, Ocean Blue received the No. 1 ranking between the two proposals received.

design By Ryan Graeff for a permanent, removable and full color mural. The mural will be designed to reflect the city's history, landmarks and the century of achievements on behalf of the city's law enforcement personnel.

"The City requested a site-related content for the artwork and developed a list of twenty priorities," indicates the staff report signed by Parks, Recreation and Library Services Director Sabrina Barnes. "The artist [Graeff] took original photographs of the City to achieve his vision and own copyright."

In February the city issued a Request for Qualifications [QFQ] to eight muralists so that they conduct research, develop and create a mural to be placed inside the ground-floor

#### Partly Cloudy 70°/63°

Saturday

Partly Cloudy 72°/63°

Partly

75°/64°



#### **Council Okays Work Of Public Art For Police Lobby**

The mayor and members of the city council approved the police lobby public art layout lobby of the Inglewood Police Department. Only four of the eight artists responded, of which Graeff was selected as the recipient of a \$7,000 commission to be delivered by Aug. 2.

"The Police Department provided images of current and historic patches and badges, patrol district maps and officers fallen in the line of duty," indicates the staff report. "Other historic and contemporary images come from the Public Art Education project and Public Library Special Collections files."

Graeff has obtained his signature style by using a unique screen print and paint on panel process. His black and white design was submitted as blueprint to what will be a color-filled, atmospheric painting of high-contrast images. Graeff also proposed a five-part wooden panel painting standing at 39" X 150" for the site.

"The artwork will be experienced from right to left," states the staff report. "The artwork is permanent but can be relocated to another to another location if ever necessary." •



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