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DEPARTMENT OF
GENERAL SERVICES

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
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BUILDING FOUR
SACRAMENTO, CA
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

February 16, 1988

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Abandoned Shopping Carts

SUMMARY

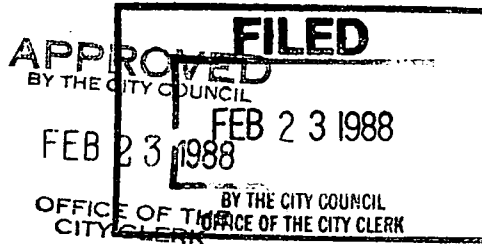
This report provides the City Council with an overview of the program City staff has developed with the cooperation of the Northern California Grocers Association (NCGA) and support of Councilmember Kastanis of collecting abandoned shopping carts throughout the City.

BACKGROUND

The City Council has expressed concern about abandoned shopping carts being scattered throughout the City. State Legislation (Business and Profession Code Sec. 22435.2) provides that the removal of shopping carts from the parking lot is illegal, and the Police Department continues to cite violations. However, abandoned shopping carts in public right-of-ways, vacant lots, etc., continues to be a public nuisance, as well as an eyesore.

Councilmember Kastanis, Frank Moffett - Director of Government Relations for NCGA and City staff (i.e. Manager's Office, Attorney's Office, General Services, Police and Public Works) have met on this issue and developed the following plan of action:

1. City crews will be instructed to pick-up abandoned shopping carts found in public right-of-ways and vacant lots, provided it does not interfere with their assigned work tasks (i.e., only if carts are found while performing regular assigned duties. Employees will not go out of their way to look for the carts);
2. Upon returning to the 24th Street Corporation Yard, the carts will be turned in to Stores "A", Building 4;



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3. Upon the accumulation of a dozen or more carts, the list of companies provided to us by NCGA (see enclosures) will be contacted to pick-up the carts; and
4. Shopping carts that have not been picked up in 5 working days will be sold for scrap.

Based on local opinion of the City Attorney's Office, we cannot pick-up abandoned shopping carts from private property without the property owner's approval. Staff will be contacting the Apartment Owner's Association to obtain approval for pick-up of abandoned shopping carts around apartment complexes.

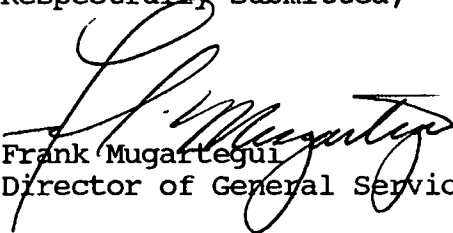
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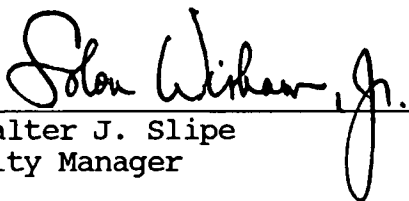
RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational report. No Council action is required.

Respectfully submitted,


Frank Mugarregui
Director of General Services

FOR CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION

For: 
Walter J. Slipes
City Manager

February 23, 1988
All Districts

Attachments (2)



Northern California Grocers Association

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KAREN SCHULKE • PRESIDENT

February 11, 1988

Councilman Terry Kastanis
Member of the City Council
City Hall
915 "I" Street, Room 205
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Councilman Kastanis:

The Northern California Grocers Association has been involved with your "Shopping Cart Task Force" Committee and attended all of the special meetings. At our last meeting on February 9, 1988, at City Hall the Committee agreed upon a proposal to help solve this problem. A copy of my proposal is also attached.

We endorse the concept that the Committee has agreed upon and look forward to working with the City of Sacramento to alleviate this problem.

Sincerely,

Frank Moffett
Director of Government Relations

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January 29, 1988

TO: Shopping Cart Task Force
City of Sacramento

The Board of Directors of Northern California Grocers Association has met and agree in concept to work together with the City of Sacramento in order to reduce the number of abandoned shopping carts. After the shopping carts are picked up and returned to the corporation yard, the Board of Directors recommends the following steps to be taken:

- For all carts with the 800 number affixed to the cart, call 1-800-252-4613. All companies that are participating with this program will be contacted.

- For all other carts that can be identified, phone:

Valley Cart Retrieval, Rodney Stillford, 786-3270

or

Rick Wilcox Retrieval Service, 726-7439

These companies will pick up and return the carts to the proper owner.

- For the few remaining carts that cannot be identified we offer two recommendations:

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. Jimmy Beller's Shopping Cart Service, Yuba City, 673-3230. This company may be able to use these carts for parts or repair. This would keep all material from going into landfill.

Sincerely,

Frank Moffett
Director of Government Relations

cc: Karen Schulke, Northern California Grocers Association
Rich Konkell, Bel Air Markets
Don Gardner, Jumbo Market
Ron Burns, Raley's Supermarket

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