



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: February 16, 2016

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Cheryl Friedling, Deputy City Manager, Public Affairs

Subject: Request by Mayor Gold and Vice Mayor Mirisch to Revise the City Policy Regarding the Key to the City of Beverly Hills

Attachments: 1. List of Former Mayors Eligible to Receive Key to the City

INTRODUCTION

The section in the City's policy manual on *City Recognition and Gifts Policy* states:

***Key to the City** – The policy of the City Council is to consider the awarding of keys to high-ranking elected officials and appointed officials such as the President of the United States, Cabinet level officers, Ambassadors representing foreign governments, Visiting Foreign Officials and Dignitaries who have provided outstanding leadership and have contributed to the benefit of our society. The Mayor may determine if a Key to the City is given to a visitor. If unable to personally bestow the honor, the Mayor may determine who, on his or her behalf, may provide the Key to the visitor. When a key to the City is bestowed to an individual, the full City Council will be advised.*

This report transmits a request to amend/expand the City policy to award the key to all former Mayors when they leave the City Council.

DISCUSSION

In recent years, a Key to the City has been given to Janet Salter in honor of her husband, former Mayor Max Salter, as well as former Mayors Frank Fenton and Linda Briskman.

The key was also given to Bram Goldsmith and to His Royal Highness the Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex.

It is anticipated that the next award of the Key to the City of Beverly Hills will be to Councilmember William Brien, M.D., as he intends to depart the City Council. All former mayors who have not received a key are anticipated to receive one in the Council Chambers during 2016 or 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost for each Key to the City is negligible.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council provide direction regarding updating the City Council Policy and Operations manual to expand the policy regarding the awarding of Keys to the City to all former Mayors, and to departing City Councilmembers.

Cheryl Friedling 
Approved By

Attachment 1

FORMER MAYORS		
Hon. Allan	Alexander	Former Mayor
Hon. Charles	Aronberg, MD	Former Mayor
Hon. Barry	Brucker	Former Mayor
Hon. Linda	Briskman*	Former Mayor
Hon. Les	Bronte	Former Mayor
Hon. Edward	Brown	Former Mayor
Hon. Jimmy	Delshad	Former Mayor
Hon. Mark	Egerman	Former Mayor
Hon. Donna	Ellman-Garber	Former Mayor
Hon. Frank	Fenton*	Former Mayor
Hon. MeraLee	Goldman	Former Mayor
Hon. Nancy	Krasne	Former Mayor
Hon. Thomas	Levyn	Former Mayor
Mrs. Rose	Norton	Former Mayor – Spouse
Hon. Vicky	Reynolds	Former Mayor
Mrs. Janet	Salter*	Former Mayor – Spouse
Hon. Richard	Stone	Former Mayor
Hon. Robert	Tanenbaum	Former Mayor
Hon. Joseph	Tilem	Former Mayor
Hon. Steve	Webb	Former Mayor

**Received Key to the City*