



**AGENDA REPORT**  
**SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Meeting Date: April 16, 2013

Agenda Item 1A  
Approvals:  
City Manager PJH  
Dept. Head \_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney \_\_\_\_\_  
Finance JV

**Department:** City Manager

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**Subject:** **POSSIBILITY OF COUNCIL ADOPTING MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 469 (HMLA-469)**

**Summary:** The Marines and Sailors of HMLA-469 "Vengeance" celebrated the squadron's third anniversary since its inaugural commissioning on July 1, 2009. HMLA-469 is the eighth and final HMLA in the Marine Corps and its goal is to provide attack and utility helicopter air support within the Marine Corps. Its 324 Marines and Sailors work to destroy the enemy and save friendly forces, which often involves picking up the wounded. HMLA-469 has already established a reputation for quick response and precision weapons delivery, day or night, in support of the Ground Combat Element. The HMLA-469 remains an essential player within the Marine Air Ground Task Force and the greater International Security Assistance Force, maintaining 24-hour strip alert, and serving as the 911 force for the entire Helmand Province in Afghanistan.

The HMLA-469 squadron is based at Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton and would enjoy establishing an adoptive relationship with San Clemente, much like the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marines who are adopted and supported by the City, the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce, the Heritage of San Clemente Foundation, and members of the San Clemente community. These community partners have expressed their interest in also sponsoring HMLA 469: The Ladies Auxiliary of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, the South Coast Detachment of the Marine Corps League and the Heritage of San Clemente Foundation. Previously, in 2009, the Council adopted HMLA-367; however, with its relocation to Hawaii, they are no longer an adopted unit of San Clemente.

**Recommended**

**Action:** STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the City Council adopt HMLA-469.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$15,000 is currently budgeted for Marine Unit Support in Account #001-202-44756. No additional funds will be added for this additional adopted squadron.

**Attachments:** None

**Notification:** Wayne Eggleston, Executive Director, The Heritage of San Clemente Foundation  
Lynn Wood, CEO, San Clemente Chamber of Commerce  
Linda Patterson, Founder & President, America Supporting Americans