



City of Santa Barbara
Police Department

Memorandum

DATE: May 17, 2022
TO: Fire and Police Commission
FROM: Lori Pedersen, Business Manager
SUBJECT: AG Protection – Private Patrol Application

Iran Gonzalez is seeking to register “AG Protection” as a private patrol operator in the City of Santa Barbara.

Per Santa Barbara Municipal Code §5.07, applicants must provide a description of vehicles and uniforms to be used, both of which must be distinctively marked and distinguishable from the Santa Barbara Police Department and other Santa Barbara County Law Enforcement Agencies. Applicants must also provide a copy of the applicant’s current state license. The applicant provided all required information and documentation.

Mr. Gonzalez has applied with the state for a Private Patrol Operator license. On 05/17/2022 a designee of the Chief reviewed the registration materials and signed on behalf of the Police Department verifying that the uniforms and vehicles proposed for use in Santa Barbara are distinct from those used by local law enforcement agencies. It should be noted that although the company may use a variety of uniform styles and/or vehicles in other areas, only the style(s) indicated herein have been favorably reviewed for use in Santa Barbara.

The approved uniforms consist of a black shirt with white letters “SECURITY” on the back and chest, black or tan pants, and an optional black windbreaker with white letters “SECURITY” on the back and chest. Uniforms are approved with a grey badge on the chest and one grey sleeve badge. The badge on the chest consists of a grey 7-pointed star with company name, logo and “PRIVATE SECURITY” at the bottom of badge. Sleeve badge consists of company name, logo and “PRIVATE SECURITY” at the bottom of badge. Vehicle is black with a gold 7-pointed star badge with company name and logo, business phone number and “SUPERVISOR” on both sides. The vehicle is approved with the condition Iran Gonzalez adds “PRIVATE SECURITY” or “PRIVATE PATROL” on both sides of the vehicle to make a clear distinction from Santa Barbara County Law Enforcement vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Santa Barbara Police Department recommends approval of the registration for AG Protection as private patrol operators, contingent upon use of approved uniforms and vehicle. In addition, Iran Gonzalez will complete a vehicle inspection to ensure “PRIVATE SECURITY” or “PRIVATE PATROL” is on both sides of the vehicle.