



**City of Santa Barbara**  
Police Department

**Memorandum**

**DATE:** February 27, 2014

**TO:** Fire and Police Commission

**FROM:** Holly Perea, Police Technician

**SUBJECT:** Ameriquest Security Services – Private Patrol Application

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Luther Metias is seeking to register “Ameriquest Security Services” 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 those used by the Santa Barbara Police Department. Applicants must also provide a copy of the applicant’s current state license. The applicant provided all required information and documentation.

On January 28, 2014 the Police Technician verified that the company’s California Private Patrol Operator license is valid. On January 29, 2014 a designee of the Chief reviewed the registration materials and signed on behalf of the Police Department verifying that at least one of the submitted options of uniforms proposed for use in Santa Barbara is 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 uniform consists of a gray, short-sleeved, button-down shirt with black pocket tops along with black pants. The approved badge, worn above the breast pocket, is silver imprinted with two American flags in vivid red and blue at the center of the badge.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Santa Barbara Police Department recommends approval of the registration for Ameriquest Security Services as private patrol operators, contingent upon use of approved uniforms.