



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 24, 2017

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Information Technology, Administrative Services

SUBJECT: Approval To Donate Outdated And/Or Inoperable Computer Workstations To The Santa Barbara County Education Office Computers For Families Program

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the General Services Manager to donate outdated and/or inoperable computer workstations to the Santa Barbara County Education Office for the Computers for Families Program.

DISCUSSION:

Annually, approximately 15-20% of the 900+ City computer workstations are determined to be either not cost effective to repair or, while operable, are not able to support required applications. In the past, these workstations were donated to Santa Barbara County Education Office, Computers for Families Program. Staff is requesting authorization to continue this practice for the next five years.

The Computers for Families program engages youth at Los Prietos Boys Camp, as part of a training program, to repair and rebuild the workstations. These units do not have an economic resale value but can be useful to local families and groups, who could not otherwise have a computer. The workstations are offered to all public school students in the 4th through 6th grades with discounted Internet access to promote computer technology skills and knowledge.

Computers for Families has agreed to provide units as requested for City programs such as Teen Centers, At Risk Youth Programs, or other City-sponsored programs that benefit at-need groups.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

This authorization reuses computer hardware and equipment instead of acquiring new equipment. Thus, it increases the use of recycled materials, prevents or delays the increase of electronic waste and reduces the creation of additional hazardous materials.

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