



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** October 11, 2011

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Information Systems, 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**SUBJECT:** Approval To Donate Outdated And/Or Inoperable Computer Workstations To The Santa Barbara County Education Office Computers For Families Program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That Council authorize the General Services Manager to donate outdated and/or non-operating computer workstations to the Santa Barbara County Education Office for the Computers for Families Program, as appropriate, through October 31, 2016.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Each year, approximately 15-20% of the over 960 City computer workstations are determined to be either not cost effective to repair or, while operable, not able to support required applications. In past years, these workstations were donated to the Santa Barbara County Education Office for the Computers for Families Program. This request authorizes the continuation of this practice for another five years.

The Computers for Families program engages the youth at Los Prietos Boys Camp under a training program to repair and rebuild the workstations. These units do not have an economic resale value, but local families and groups who could not otherwise afford a computer can use and benefit from them. The workstations are offered to all public school students in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 groups in need.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

This authorization promotes the reuse of computer hardware and equipment, potentially preventing or delaying the manufacture and acquisition of new equipment and reducing manufacturing and electronic waste.

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