

# Agenda Report

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL                      **DATE:** January 14, 2002  
**FROM:** CITY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** TRANSFER OF SURPLUS PROPERTY (COMPUTERS) TO ABILITYFIRST

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the transfer of ten surplus personal computers to AbilityFirst. It is further recommended that the City Council, based upon the information contained herein, find that a public purpose is served by exempting the proposed transfer from the provisions of the Surplus Equipment and Goods Ordinance, P.M.C.4.04, pursuant to section 4.04.080.

## BACKGROUND

AbilityFirst, formally the Crippled Children's Society of Southern California (CCS), is a non-profit organization that provides services for people with disabilities. Based in Pasadena since 1968, AbilityFirst is recognized in Southern California as the leading provider of comprehensive lifespan services for children and adults with disabilities.

The organization offers a myriad of programs that include:

- Meaningful, paid employment for adults with disabilities at four adult vocational training centers
- Recreational after school and weekend programs at nine centers
- Year-round camping opportunities at two residential camps
- A variety of warm-water aquatic classes at four indoor pools
- Independent and semi-independent living at seven apartment complexes and one group home

Recently, the organization opened a computer-learning laboratory to teach computer related skills and provide communications and Internet services to its clients. On Sunday, January 7, 2002, the computer lab was burglarized and five computers were stolen.

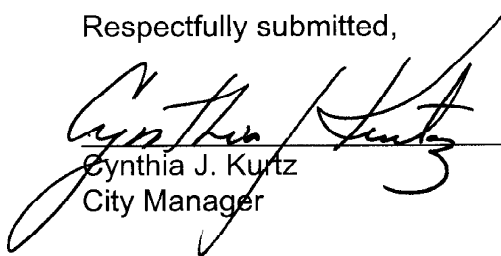
Presently, the Planning and Development Department has ten personal computers that are no longer of use to the City and are available as surplus property. The ten computers that are being proposed to be donated to AbilityFirst have operating systems and hardware configurations capable of running the types of training software used by the organization.

The Salvage Equipment and Goods Ordinance requires that surplus equipment be disposed of through a public auction, sealed bid or negotiated sale. However, the Ordinance enables the City Council to authorize alternate methods of disposal, including donations, provided such authorization contains a finding that a valid public purpose is served by granting such request. Providing AbilityFirst computers to help facilitate training programs at its computer laboratory constitutes a valid public purpose for which an exemption from provisions of P.M.C. 4.04 is appropriate.

#### FISCAL IMPACT


The estimated value of the each computer to be donated is approximately \$300. The total estimated value of all of the computers to be provided to AbilityFirst is approximately \$3,000.

Respectfully submitted,



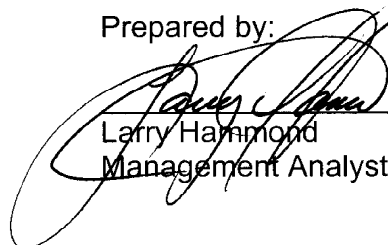
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