

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** MAY 8, 2000
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: DONATION OF SALVAGE COMPUTERS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the donation of salvage computer equipment to The Institute for Urban Research and Development – Le Gente Crew Program. It is further recommended that the City Council find that based upon the information contained herein, a public purpose is served by exempting the proposed donation from the provisions of the Salvage and Scrap Property Ordinance P.M.C. 4.04, pursuant to section 4.04.080.

BACKGROUND

The Institute for Urban Research and Development is a Pasadena-based non-profit organization that promotes community development.

One of the projects sponsored by the Institute is the Le Gente Crew Program. This program works with young people from Northwest Pasadena who are at-risk of turning away from traditional education and employment opportunities in favor of gangs, crime and drugs. Presently more than 50 young people from Northwest Pasadena are participating in the program.

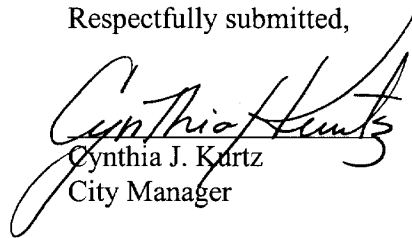
One of the ways in which the program aids young people is to teach them computer skills through the refurbishment of used and otherwise unwanted computer equipment. Once these computers are brought back to working condition, they are provided to the students and their families for home use.

Staff recommends transferring to the program salvage computer equipment located in the City's salvage area. Normally this equipment would be sold at auction, however, as there is a public purpose in supporting the efforts of the Le Gente Crew Program to provide meaningful training and other services to local at-risk youth, it is requested that the City Council authorize the donation.

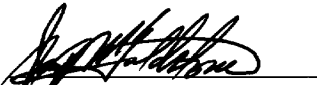
FISCAL IMPACT

The total value of the equipment to be donated as a result of this action is estimated not to exceed \$3,000.

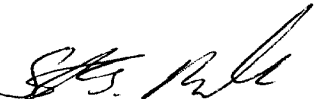
Respectfully submitted,


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