

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: December 7, 1998

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: DONATION OF SALVAGE COMPUTERS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the donation of salvage computer equipment to *Give The Streets Back!* 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

Give The Streets Back! is a non-profit organization dedicated to eradicating teen violence and drug use while promoting self-esteem and skill development in the Altadena-Pasadena area. The organization, which has been active in the community since 1980, has implemented numerous programs in support of its mission. One such program involves instructing at-risk youth in computer repair and operation. Recently, a representative from *Give The Streets Back!* inquired as to the availability of City salvage computer equipment that could be donated to support this computer training program.

Presently, the City's salvage area has a significant amount of computer equipment in various stages of disrepair. This equipment is no longer of functional use as it is incapable of running the types of software utilized by the City. Moreover, many useful components such as memory chips have been removed and installed in equipment that is being used.

Staff desires to allow *Give The Streets Back!* the opportunity for its computer training class to assemble as many complete personal computer systems as possible out of the equipment located in City's salvage area. The refurbished systems would then be transferred to the organization where they would be put to further use. It is estimated that as a result of this effort eight to twelve computer systems will be donated.

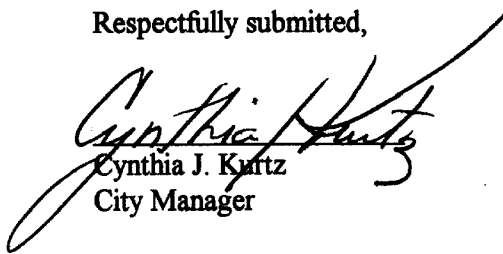
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FISCAL IMPACT


The total value of the equipment likely to be donated as a result of this action is estimated not to exceed \$1,000.

Respectfully submitted,



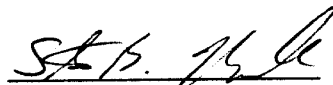
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