

# City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: APRIL 9, 2019

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: DONATION OF 120 COMPUTER DESKTOPS AND 80 COMPUTER MONITORS

VALUED AT \$45,000 FROM THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE INFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGY OFFICE FOR TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC

COMPUTERS AT ALL RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATIONS

## **ISSUE:**

Accept the donation of 120 desktop computers and 80 computer monitors valued at \$45,000 for public use in the Riverside Public Library, for technological improvements at all City of Riverside Library locations from the County of Riverside Information Technology Office in accordance with the City Charter Section 808(f).

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council accept the donation of 120 desktop computers and 80 computer monitors valued at \$45,000 for public use in the Riverside Public Library, for technological improvements at all City of Riverside Library locations from the County of Riverside Informational Technology Office in accordance with the City Charter Section 808(f).

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Riverside County Information Technology Office is making a donation of 120 used desktop computers and 80 computer monitors, for technology improvements at all Library locations. These desktops and monitors will help replace the Riverside Public Library's legacy computer systems that are over 10 years old with newer models for library customers. The donated computers and monitors are in excellent operating condition and the specifications meet or exceed the standards set forth by the City Innovation and Technology Department.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

On January 23, 2019, a representative from the County of Riverside Information Technology donated 120 HP desktop computers and 80 HP computer monitors. This collaboration was in an effort to ensure that the existing ten-year old outdated library technology gets updated with newer computer systems. The Library Department's budget does not contain an allocation for the purchase of new computers. Therefore, these donated computers will help replace a significant portion of the existing public computers. They will be re-imaged with the newest version of

Windows 10 and Microsoft Office, transferring existing software licensing so as not to incur any additional costs. This will ensure improved customer service and faster system for our library customers across all Library locations.

Staff will take an average of thirty minutes per workstation to prepare the desktop computers and monitors for deployment. This will be done by existing staff and during non-operating hours to avoid disrupting customers. No additional costs are incurred with the acceptance of this donation.

The Chief Innovation Officer, George Khalil, concurs with this report.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no direct or immediate fiscal impact associated with this update; however, the donation of the computers will allow the Library to ensure continuity of service to Library customers, and fulfills a critical unfunded need for technology updates at local libraries. The fair market value of the 120 used desktop computers and 80 computer monitors is estimated at approximately \$45,000.

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