

BUDGET & FINANCE

MOTION

In June 2014, the City Council instituted OurCycle LA (CF 14-0274), a digital inclusion pilot program designed to bridge the digital divide gap by increasing access to computer hardware, digital literacy, the internet, and web-based technologies in underserved communities that otherwise lack these resources.

OurCycle LA has provided low-income families and WorkSource Centers with refurbished computers that are no longer useful to the City. Salvageable computers were collected from all City departments and provided to various non-profit partners for restoration and distribution to the Baldwin Village and Koreatown neighborhoods in Council District 10.

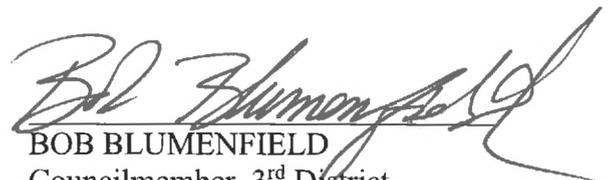
The City contracted with non-profit partners that have extensive recycling/refurbishing/e-waste experience, including e-waste collector certificates. These external partners also provide job training, career opportunities, and actual jobs for disadvantaged individuals. All work up to the point of distribution has been overseen by the Information Technology Agency and the Department of General Services. Computer units that cannot be refurbished are recycled as e-waste through the Bureau of Sanitation.

Approximately 1,500 computer units have been distributed to date. Since OurCycle LA has been such a success, and additional salvage computers have been identified to be included in this program, it should be expanded on a citywide basis to include all Council Districts. The current contract expired on April 2, 2016, and a new contract will be required to continue this important work.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Information Technology Agency, in partnership with the Department of General Services, and the Bureau of Sanitation as necessary, negotiate and execute a contract with a non-profit provider for the refurbishment and distribution of salvaged City computers to disadvantaged communities throughout the City as part of the citywide expansion of the OurCycle LA program, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

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