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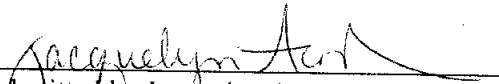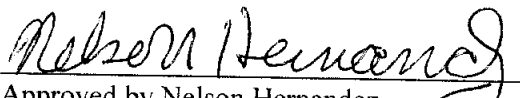# Report to Mayor and City Council

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SUBJECT: CONSIDER EXPENDING FUNDS TO REPLACE THE COMPUTERS AND PRINTERS AT THE ELITO M. SANTARINA SENIOR CITIZENS COMPUTER LAB

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Approved by Nelson Hernandez
City Manager

I. **SUMMARY**

This item is on the agenda at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Elito M. Santarina.

The 19 computers and two printers used by seniors at the Elito M. Santarina Senior Citizens Computer Lab are all outdated and the computers are running on an operating system that is a prior Windows version and is problematic. The condition of these computers and printers and the problems with the operating system have impacted the ability of the teachers and students to have meaningful and productive classes. Therefore, staff concurs with the Mayor Pro Tem's request to have the computers and printers replaced.

II. **RECOMMENDATION**

APPROVE the replacement of the 19 computers and two printers currently in use at the Elito M. Santarina Senior Citizens Computer Lab.

III. **ALTERNATIVES**

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. **BACKGROUND**

As of April 8 2014, all of the City's computers that are running on Windows XP are no longer receiving automatic updates which help protect the computer's information. Even if the computers have anti-virus software, they will still not be fully secure. If the City continues to use Windows XP without XP support, the computers may still work but will become vulnerable to security risks and viruses. Additionally, as more software and hardware manufacturers continue to opt for more recent versions of Windows, a greater number of programs and devices like printers won't work with Windows XP. All 19 computers and the two printers are at their end-of-life (EOL) which means the hardware manufacturers no longer support the computer hardware. This situation has impacted the ability of the teachers and students to have meaningful and productive classes.

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These computers were purchase in facal year 2007/08, and being utilized in the lab 5 days a week, Monday - Friday for four (4) classes a day, one hour and a half for each class for a total of 20 classes a week, with 19 students per class. If City Council approves staff recommendation, the new computers will be order within two weeks and installed in the Elito M. Santarina Senior Citizens Computer Lab by July 1, 2014. These new computers are expected to be replaced within the next four to five years.

V.   **FISCAL IMPACT**

The estimated cost to replace the 19 computers and two printers is $ 27,000.00. Funds are availale in the Capital Asset Replacement Fund 38-60-999-003-6020.

VI.   **EXHIBITS**

None.

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