

Legislation Text

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Res. No. 999-A

Resolution pursuant to section 104-c of the New York State General Municipal Law, authorizing the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services to donate surplus city-owned computers, computer software and computer equipment to public and private institutions for secular educational use and to not-for-profit institutions for use by individuals with disabilities, senior citizens, or low income individuals.

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Whereas, Many educational programs and not-for-profit institutions have an insufficient supply of

computers and often rely on donations; and

Whereas, The City of New York currently transfers equipment and supplies from one City agency to another through the Department of Citywide Administrative Services Office of Surplus Activities but does not currently have a policy for the donation of surplus computer equipment to non-city entities; and

Whereas, Donations of computer equipment to institutions operating educational programs and those providing services for persons with disabilities will assist in the disposal of unneeded equipment, is mutually beneficial for the City and the recipients of the donations and is an efficient use of government resources; and

Whereas, Section 104-c of the New York State General Municipal Law allows the governing board of a political subdivision to adopt policies by resolution authorizing the donation of spare computer equipment to schools, public libraries, and other public and private educational programs for secular educational use, and to not-for-profit institutions serving persons with disabilities, senior citizens, or low income individuals; and

Whereas, The New York City Council is the governing board of the City of New York; and

Whereas, The New York City Department of Education and the New York Public Library are eligible to receive surplus equipment through the Department of Citywide Administrative Services Office of Surplus

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Activities; and

Whereas, Donations are required to be based on a public notification process and competitive proposals from eligible organizations; and

Whereas, Institutions requesting donations must demonstrate need and specific plans for the use of such equipment; and

Whereas, No computer software shall be transferred if such transfer would cause a breach of a computer software license agreement or an infringement of a copyright; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York, pursuant to section 104-c of the New York State General Municipal Law, authorizes the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services to donate surplus city-owned computers, computer software and computer equipment to public and private institutions for secular educational use and to not-for-profit institutions for use by individuals with disabilities, senior citizens, or low income individuals.

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