

Los Angeles city computers headed to non-profits, families

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As Los Angeles City Hall struggles with updating its [antiquated technology systems](#), the city will donate or get rid of about 10,000 computers deemed unusable by city employees.

Microsoft announced last year it would no longer support Windows XP, the operating system used by the city, affecting about 8,000 city computers. The newer software couldn't be supported, said Steve Reneker, general manager for the city's technology department.

Another 2,000 older city computers will also be donated.

About 1,500 computers are being given to nonprofit centers that serve low-income communities, while another 1,500 will go directly to families in Baldwin Hills and Koreatown. The two neighborhoods were chosen as part of the [donation pilot program](#) called OurCycle L.A., said Vicki Curry, spokesperson for Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. A lottery will be used to determine which community groups receive the hardware.

An additional 7,000 city computers are being transferred to Isidore Electronics Recycling, an environmentally responsible company that recycles computers while providing jobs for previously incarcerated Angelenos.

Groups including the [California Emerging Technology Fund](#) donated money to help fund refurbishment and computer training. The laptops will get such software as Microsoft Windows 7 and MS Office.

Meanwhile, the city spent about \$800,000 last year to purchase computers to replace the unusable ones, Reneker said, adding Microsoft's decision to discontinue XP forced many entities to upgrade their hardware.