

Los Angeles OKs plan to use Google Web services

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(AP) -- The Los Angeles City Council has tentatively approved a multimillion-dollar proposal to tap Google Inc. for government e-mail and other Internet services.

The vote on Tuesday shows progress in Google's plan to wrest market share for office software from rival [Microsoft](#) Corp.

The council voted unanimously for the \$7.2 million deal with contractor Computer Sciences Corp. to replace many city computer systems with the so-called [Google](#) Apps services. The contract's implementation is contingent on Computer Science's agreement to pay a penalty if a security breach occurs.

The city's police officers' union and [privacy advocates](#) raised security concerns over the plan because it places data online rather than on individual computers under a government agency's direct control.

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