

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: The Honorable City Council

FROM: Mary K. Lindley, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services

BY: Jennifer Mellon, Senior Management Analyst

DATE: September 26, 2006 (CC Meeting of October 4, 2006)

SUBJECT: Consider Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Support of Full Funding of the Public Library Foundation (PLF)

BACKGROUND

At the recent meeting of the Ventura County Library System on Thursday, September 21, 2006, the commission requested that each library representative ask their respective City Council or Board Members to adopt resolutions requesting that the state provide full funding for the Public Library Foundation (PLF) at a level of \$89 million, or approximately \$2.40 per capita for FY 2007/08.

The Public Library Foundation distributes funds to public libraries on a per capita basis, and is the only funding source that benefits all California residents equally. Funding provided by the PLF is used for continued operation of free public libraries to provide reading, education, job development, technology, and lifelong learning resources to the public.

DISCUSSION

By urging the governor and state legislators to provide full funding for the Public Library Foundation program the Moorpark City Library will receive additional funding to provide education, programming, technology, job development, and lifelong learning resources to the citizens of the community.

At current state budgeted funding levels, the Moorpark City Library will acquire approximately \$14,040 annually (\$0.39 per capita) of PLF funds. In contrast, during fiscal year 2007/08, at the requested fully-funded level, the Moorpark City Library would receive approximately \$86,400 (\$2.40 per capita) from the PLF.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution 2006-___ Supporting Full Funding of the Public Library Foundation (PLF).

Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-___

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING APPROVAL SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION (PLF)

WHEREAS, the governor and state legislature established the Public Library Foundation (PLF) in 1982 to support public library baseline services with an annual revenue allocation from the general fund starting in fiscal year 1983/84 ; and

WHEREAS, the legislature found and declared that it is in the interest of the people and of the state that there be a general diffusion of information and knowledge through the continued operation of free public libraries. Since diffusion is a matter of general concern inasmuch as it is the duty of the state to provide encouragement to the voluntary lifelong learning of the people of the state; and

WHEREAS, the legislature further found that the public library is a supplement to the formal system of free public education and a source of information and inspiration to persons of all ages, cultural backgrounds, and economic statuses, and a resource for continuing education and reeducation, and as such deserves adequate financial support from government at all levels; and

WHEREAS, library usage in California is at an all time high and up 10% per capita in the last five (5) years throughout the entire state of California and 13% in Ventura County; and

WHEREAS, Public Library Foundation allocates revenue to the 180 public libraries based on a formula that includes population and inflation, but has never been fully funded and in fiscal year 2005/06 per capita spending was less than it was 20 years ago; and

WHEREAS, between fiscal years 2000/01 and 2004/05 funding was slashed by 75%; and

WHEREAS, in 2005/06 PLF funding was \$14.4 million vs. a full funding figure of \$89.5 million, the realized impact to the Moorpark City library would have been \$14,040 at the current funding of \$0.39 per capita vs. \$86,400 at the proposed fully funded level of \$2.40 per capita;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Effective immediately the City Council of the City of Moorpark urges the Governor to make libraries a priority by fully funding the Public Library Foundation in the 2007/08 budget; and

FURTHER request that the California State Assembly Members and Senators who represent the City of Moorpark make libraries a priority and support full funding for the Public Library Foundation.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause a certified resolution to be filed in the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of October 2006.

Patrick Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah S. Traffenstedt, City Clerk