

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION  
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 4**

**MEETING DATE:** Thursday, July 26, 2007

**AGENDA ITEM #:** 10

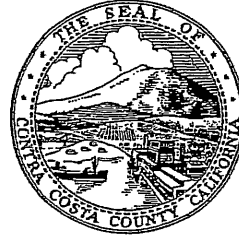
**ITEM:** REPORT FROM COUNTY LIBRARIAN

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- None

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
FROM: Anne Cain, County Librarian  
DATE: July 10, 2007



Contra  
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**SUBJECT: APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Contra Costa County Librarian to Accept a Donation in the Amount of \$10,000 from Joyce Marlin.**

SPECIFIC REQUEST (S) OR RECOMMENDATION (S) & BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Contra Costa County Librarian to accept a gift from Joyce Marlin in the amount of \$10,000 to be used to purchase library materials.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Provides \$10,000 to be used to buy library materials.

BACKGROUND

Joyce Marlin, a former Senior Branch Librarian with the Contra Costa County Library, is donating \$10,000 to the Contra Costa County Library. The funds donated by Ms. Marlin are to be used to purchase library materials. This is the third consecutive year that Ms. Marlin has donated funds for the library's collections. Her donations have totaled \$28,000.

CONTINUED ON ATTACHMENT:  YES

SIGNATURE: *Anne Cain*

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

APPROVE  OTHER

SIGNATURE(S): *Julie Eber*

ACTION OF BOARD ON *July 10, 2007*

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

OTHER

July 10, 2007

**News From the Capitol**

TO: CLA Members/ Systems/ Network Contacts

FROM: Mike Dillon, CLA Lobbyist; Christina Dillon, CLA Lobbyist

RE: News From the Capitol

**I. BUDGET STALEMATE - LEGISLATIVE LEADERS CLAIM TO BE "FAR APART"**

Several weeks ago, the powerful six member Budget Conference Committee, who is charged with reconciling the differences between the Governor's Budget, the Senate version of the Budget, and the Assembly version of the Budget, concluded their work. While the Conference Committee was able to act upon several hundred pages of Budget action items in its 300 page binders, they were unable to bring about decisions on some of the outstanding issues in the larger Budget debate. The large-scale decisions now fall to the legislative leaders who are termed, "The Big Five." The "Big Five" consists of Governor Schwarzenegger, Senate President pro Tem Don Perata, Senate Republican Leader Dick Ackerman, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, and Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines. As you are aware, the state began its fiscal year without a Budget on July 1, and leaders are now locked in a debate over how to deal with the state's "structural deficit" which is projected to be around \$5 billion next year. Republicans want to reduce the deficit by bringing expenditures more in line with revenues, which necessitates Budget cuts. Democrats, on the other hand, want to protect important proposals such as funding for education, health and welfare, and the correctional system.

The "Big 5" convened a meeting yesterday, which did not produce any further movement. In fact, Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines told the Sacramento Bee, "We are \$2 billion apart." Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez is warning leaders to be ready to sacrifice part of the legislature's summer recess if a deal is not made on the state Budget by July 20.

You will recall that the Budget Conference Committee approved a \$1 million augmentation to the Public Library Foundation (PLF), which, while not significant in its dollar amount, was seen by many in the legislature as a "symbolic move" to indicate the importance of the program during a tight Budget year. If the Governor approves the \$1 million augmentation when he signs the 2007-08 Budget, the baseline figure for the PLF will be \$22.3 million.

**II. AB 1030-CABALLERO: LITERACY PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK YOUTH**

AB 1030 by Assemblywoman Caballero, the former Mayor of Salinas, is part of a multiple bill package that she has titled her "Gang Prevention Kit" in order to assist at-risk youth. Specifically, AB 1030 would expand the California Library Literacy and English Acquisition Services Program to services targeted to young adults, 16 years of age and over, who are not enrolled in school. The program would allow these youths to receive adult basic literacy tutoring and related services. Recent research by the State Library indicates that only 618 youths, ages 16-19 were served by this program in 2005-06. The author believes this bill will create a better sense of awareness regarding the need to serve this critically underserved population.

CLA is in support of the measure, which recently had a hearing in the Senate Education Committee. The Education Committee Consultant recommended amendments that would strike language requiring that private fund contributions for

the program be maintained at the same level as the year prior. The analysis states, "While it seems reasonable to require the local jurisdiction demonstrate a continuing fiscal commitment in order to access state funds, current law also requires a commitment regarding private funds. Regardless of the effort exerted, a local jurisdiction may not be in a position to compel private donations, contributions, or grants. Is it reasonable to hold a local jurisdiction responsible for maintaining the provision of private funds over which it has no control? Staff further recommends that the certification regarding maintenance of the level of private support be deleted from current law." The author agreed to accept the consultant's recommendations.

Earlier in the year, the author had been hopeful that she could secure a \$2 million appropriation for the bill. However, due to the state's difficult fiscal climate, the bill does not contain additional funding, but rather, asks that the program be funded using existing resources within the current program. It is the author's intent to seek funding for the at-risk youth literacy program in future years.

The measure will be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, July 16. If you have an interest in AB 1030-Caballero, please contact the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee via phone to indicate your support.

Senator Tom Torlakson, Chair (916) 651-4007

Senator Dave Cox, Vice Chair (916) 651-4001

Posted by cladmin at 05:16 PM

June 21, 2007

**Budget Conference Committee Approves Additional PLF Funding**

TO: CLA Members/ Systems/ Network Contacts

FROM: Mike Dillon, CLA Lobbyist and Christina Dillon, CLA Lobbyist

RE: News From The Capitol

**BUDGET CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPROVES AN ADDITIONAL \$1 MILLION FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION**

Yesterday afternoon the powerful six member Budget Conference Committee met to consider approximately 100 remaining items that have yet to be finalized as part of the State Budget negotiations. You will recall from our previous memos that the Budget Conference Committee is charged with reconciling the difference between the Senate Version of the Budget, the Assembly Version of the Budget, and what the Governor proposed in his January Budget and May Revision. On Tuesday, the Conference Committee voted to augment the Public Library Foundation by \$1 million, which, if approved by the Governor when he signs the Budget, would bring the PLF total baseline to \$22.3 million.

Almost one month ago, Senators Joe Simitian and Jack Scott, as members of the Senate Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance, approved a \$2 million augmentation to the PLF and forwarded their recommendation to the Budget Conference Committee. The Assembly Budget Subcommittee suggested no increase to the PLF baseline, which forced the PLF issue into Conference Committee to be resolved. Due to the state's tight fiscal condition right now (primarily due to a dip in personal income tax receipts and the lagging housing market), we knew it would be a challenge even to hold on to the \$2 million augmentation.

On June 1 the Conference Committee began meeting regularly, and would attempt to "close" items where there was consensus. The first time the conferees addressed the

PLF item, Budget Conference Committee Co-Chair Assemblyman John Laird asked if action on the item could be deferred. Senator Denise Ducheny, the other Co-Chair of the Conference Committee then added, "That is fine, but I would like to speak to this. This is particularly frustrating for us (the Senate). In the 1990's we were working to get the fund up. We were at \$56 million in 2000, and then we were back down to \$21 million last year. This is not helpful to the folks in our communities who are trying to learn to read. We have been creeping back up in recent years, but I want to make some progress here." The Conference Committee passed on the item and it was tabled until June 13. On June 13, the conferees again tried to close the item but were not ready yet, and hinted at "splitting the difference" between the two houses, which would be \$1 million. Then yesterday the conferees again raised the issue of funding for the PLF with the Chair announcing that the committee was prepared to reduce the Senate Version by \$1 million and leave a \$1 million augmentation for the fund. Senator Dennis Hollingsworth asked the Department of Finance, "What is in the Governor's May Revise?" The representative for Finance responded, "The base for the program is \$21.3 million. We didn't provide funding beyond the base." The Conference Committee then moved to approve the \$1 million augmentation and it passed with all four Democrats voting "aye" and the two Republican members voting "no."

The Conference Committee is currently unable to close the remaining large scale items before them which include funding for Proposition 98, discussion on several major water issues related to the water bond implementation, as well as prison reform/corrections. The so-called "Big 4," consisting of Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, Senate President pro Tem Don Perata, Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines, and Senate Republican Leader Dick Ackerman, met yesterday to try to come to agreement on the major areas of contention. Also clouding the discussions is the need to address how the tribal compacts, that were previously approved by the Governor, will be implemented, as union groups are demanding that provisions to allow for the protection of casino workers be included in the compacts. Rumors abound that there may be a push for a resolution soon on all of these items so that a Budget could be on the respective Floors of each house by the June 30th deadline.

Posted by claadmin at 07:14 AM