

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # IX.A.

Urgent

Routine

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

(Information Attached)

AGENDA DATE November 20, 2007

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Adopt Official County Position on Pending Legislative Bill and/or State Budget Issue - Public Library Foundation

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval to support increased funding for county libraries through the Public Library Foundation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2007-918

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman O'Brien

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

The State and Federal legislatures have introduced numerous bills that could, if enacted, impact local government programs. Each year the Board of Supervisors adopts a legislative platform which establishes the Board's position in numerous program areas. County Departments, the County's Lobbyist and CEO Staff track legislative activities to determine if legislation is being considered that either fits into one of the groupings identified in the county's Legislative Platform or could otherwise affect County Programs. Additionally, the County monitors opportunities to weigh in on subjects such as the current request for additional funding for Public Library Foundation. If successful, this effort will bring additional funding to local libraries.

If the proposed position of support is approved, correspondence will be drafted for the signature of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors reflecting the Board's position and forwarded to the appropriate individuals and Committees.

POLICY ISSUES:

This action is consistent with the Board's priority of efficient delivery of public services and supports numerous program areas and individual departmental priorities.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item



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Legislative Position Paper

Project Name: Public Library Foundation

Proposed Position: *Support*

Summary: The Public Library Foundation is one of the most important local assistance programs for libraries from the state. Full funding for PLF is a continuing goal of the California Library Association. The legislation authorizing the PLF became effective July 1, 1983. Although passed by the legislature, the state's share of PLF has *never* been fully funded.

If PLF were fully funded, Stanislaus County Library would receive \$1.4 million annually. As it stands today, with recent additional cuts made to the PLF, Stanislaus County will receive \$198,841 from the state in Fiscal Year 2007/2008. A statewide campaign to restore the cuts to PLF has begun through the California Library Association and Assemblyman Mike Eng. It is requested the Board of Supervisors support legislative or other efforts for the state to provide full funding to the PLF.

Pertinent Issues/Analysis: It is significant to note the County Library uses \$1.2 million of fund balance each year to balance its budget. This is depleting their reserves.

Any enhancement of the PLF funding would help to offset expenditures from fund balance. With full funding of PLF, the Library would start to replenish fund balance and enhance services for the community.

Stanislaus County Approved Position: support

Date of BOS Action: November 20, 2007