

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-284340

ADOPTED ON JULY 25, 1994

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENT TO WORK TOWARDS DEVELOPING A FINANCING PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW MAIN LIBRARY AND TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO BRANCH LIBRARIES.

WHEREAS, on November 6, 1990, the voters of San Diego approved Proposition N, a ballot measure urging the "City Council to develop a comprehensive plan to upgrade the City's public library system, which would include site selection, land acquisition, and construction of a new main library; modernization or replacement of all local branch libraries; and a cost effective means of financing these improvements as well as operating costs for the entire library system, no later than 1992"; and

WHEREAS, the 1992 deadline mandated by the voters has not been met; and

WHEREAS, in 1993 the Public Facilities and Recreation Committee ("Committee") requested that the Board of Library Commissioners hold a series of public input meetings concerning the siting of a proposed new main library as part of implementing Proposition N and report back to the Committee; and

WHEREAS, five public forums were held to gather input on selecting a site for the proposed library, the input was

summarized, and a staff report was presented to the Board of Library Commissioners with the findings; and

WHEREAS, in response to direction from the Committee for possible financing plans for a new library and improvements to branches, Manager's Report No. 94-135 was presented to the Committee on May 11, 1994, along with a memorandum from the Board of Library Commissioners supporting a bond issue on the November 1994 ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Committee approved a motion to submit two alternative sites - one downtown and the other in Mission Valley - on an upcoming City-wide ballot, and directed the City Manager to recommend a plan for financing construction of a main library and improvements for branch libraries, including both public and private funding; and

WHEREAS, the Manager concurred in the recommendations of the Committee and the Board of Library Commissioners to place a library financing measure and a library siting measure on the November 1994 ballot, all as described in Manager's Report No. 94-198; and

WHEREAS, the City Council took testimony on this matter at its meeting of August 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, in light of the documents and testimony presented at the August 1 meeting, the City Council finds that it is premature to place a library financing measure on the November, 1994 ballot; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to explore other methods of financing a new main library and enhancements of several

branch libraries before a vote of the people on a library bond measure takes place; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that before the November 1994 election, the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency shall delineate how much of the proposed funds necessary to construct a new main library should be generated by issuance of General Obligation Bonds and how much from Redevelopment Agency funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council that the City Manager is hereby directed to work with the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) to determine how much CCDC could pay for a new main library located downtown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council that the City is hereby committed to raising \$10 million from private sources to help pay for the construction of a new downtown library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council that the City seek voter approval of General Obligation Bonds to fund the remaining portion of the main library (that portion not paid for by CCDC monies or by private funding) and improvements to several branch libraries at an election to be held in September 1995.

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