

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 315456

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE APR 22 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE ELIMINATION OF LIBRARY DEPARTMENT JUVENILE ACCOUNTS REFERRED TO COLLECTIONS AND THE CREATION OF A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE YOUTH WITH A ONE-TIME OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAR CHARGES FOR THE COST OF LOST LIBRARY MATERIALS.

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Council of the City of San Diego approved the City of San Diego Library Department’s use of a materials recovery model, moving away from an overdue fine model; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the materials recovery policy based on this model eliminates overdue fines for library items that were not returned in a timely matter and instead charges the patron the cost of replacing the item; and

WHEREAS, the result of this approach has increased the circulation of library materials and the number of library card registrations ; and

WHEREAS, the materials recovery policy requires the referral of any patron that does not return library materials to the City Treasurer’s Delinquent Accounts Program for collections (Collections); and

WHEREAS, the Library Department has sought to remove barriers to library services especially for youth under 18 years of age (i.e., juveniles); and

WHEREAS, the referral of accounts to Collections, including those of juveniles, results in the loss of access to library borrowing privileges for the patrons; and

WHEREAS, this loss of access to library borrowing privileges creates barriers for juveniles in accessing library resources; and

WHEREAS, the Library Department is proposing a program to help youth regain access to library resources through a one-time opportunity that will clear lost library materials charges contingent on funding being made available by the San Diego Public Library Foundation, a California nonprofit corporation, to cover the cost of these charges; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Public Library Foundation has generously agreed to provide funding to write off any cleared items so that the Library Department may purchase replacement materials; and

WHEREAS, this program is being modeled after the Seattle Public Library's Fresh Start program where youth can request to have their account cleared by speaking to a youth service librarian or submitting an online application; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Public Library's Fresh Start program statistics show that 70 percent of youth that received a waiver of fees began using the library again and that 80 percent of youth have not accrued further fees on their accounts; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2024, the Community and Neighborhood Services Council Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the elimination of referring juvenile library accounts to Collections; and


WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego, that the Council authorizes the Library Department Director to amend the materials recovery model to discontinue the referral of juvenile library accounts to Collections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer is authorized to cease collection on all juvenile library accounts currently in Collections and to waive all the City Treasurer-related collection fees currently assessed on these accounts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Library Department Director is authorized to create a program to provide youth with a one-time opportunity to clear charges for lost library materials, contingent on funds being made available to the City of San Diego from the San Diego Public Library Foundation to cover the cost of these charges.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By 
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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of APR 09 2024.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 4/22/24
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on APR 09 2024, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry L. Foster III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Kristell Medina, Deputy

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