July 16, 2010

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Alameda
1221 Oak Street, Suite 536
Oakland, California 94612

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT IN CHARGE TO THE SAN LORENZO LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Affirm the establishment of the San Lorenzo Library Advisory Committee.

2. Amend the Charge to the Committee to read: The San Lorenzo Library Advisory Committee is herewith charged with acting in an advisory capacity to the Alameda County Library, in conjunction with your Board, the County Redevelopment Agency, the County General Services Agency and other County departments as needed, on the planning and construction of the Phase II: Remodel of the San Lorenzo Branch Library.

3. Require Library Administration to conduct a survey of the current demographics of the communities served by the San Lorenzo Branch Library.

4. Require that the Committee membership be representative of the current demographics (age, ethnicity, population of communities served, etc.) of the branch library service area. This will be fulfilled through appointments to vacant positions.
5. Continue the authorization of County Library to provide appropriate staffing support for the Committee, including collaborating with appropriate Supervisorial offices on Committee appointments, maintenance of the Committee Roster as well as the agendas and minutes for Committee meetings, as it has the advisory groups for other County Library projects.

SUMMARY:

The current San Lorenzo Library Advisory Committee was established in July, 2002 to “make recommendations to County Staff and your Board about all aspects of its development including the Library Plan of Service, the Building Program, possible sites. and funding mechanism”. The Committee has admirably met this charge.

The Committee was originally created in response to the 2000 State Library Bond Act that provided substantive funding for the construction of public libraries throughout the State and was intended to be specific to that circumstance. With the expiration of that legislation, the passage of 10 years and the fulfillment of the original charge, it is now appropriate to retain the Committee but present the members with a new charge specific to current circumstances and realities.

FINANCING:

There is no net County cost to maintaining or providing support to the Committee. All costs will be absorbed by the County Library budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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