



SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Department: City Clerk's Office

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City Manager Approval: 

TOPIC: SAN RAFAEL LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD APPOINTMENT

SUBJECT: RESCIND CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO THE SAN RAFAEL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD

RECOMMENDATION:

Rescind appointment of Councilmember Maribeth Bushey to the San Rafael Public Library Foundation Board with no replacement.

BACKGROUND:

The San Rafael Public Library Foundation ("Foundation") is a nonprofit founded with a mission to build a new public library for San Rafael. The City Council has historically appointed one Councilmember to the Foundation Board of Directors ("Board"). Most recently, on December 18, 2023, the Council re-appointed Councilmember Bushey to the Board.

On January 31, 2024, individual proponents submitted to the City Clerk an intent to circulate an initiative for inclusion on the November 2024 voter ballot. The initiative would enact a special non-ad valorem parcel tax for the purpose of designing, constructing, and furnishing a new library and community center.

ANALYSIS:

Under the Political Reform Act and related laws, public resources generally may not be used for campaign activities that support or oppose a ballot measure. While the City Council's appointee to the Foundation Board would not engage in activities advocating for or against the measure, out of an abundance of caution, staff recommend that the City Council rescind its appointment to the Foundation Board. This action would remove Councilmember Bushey from the Foundation Board with no replacement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

OPTIONS:

The City Council has the following options to consider on this matter:

1. Rescind appointment of Councilmember Maribeth Bushey to the San Rafael Public Library Foundation Board with no replacement.

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Council Meeting:

Disposition:

2. Do not rescind appointment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Rescind appointment of Councilmember Maribeth Bushey to the San Rafael Public Library Foundation Board with no replacement.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A