



TAMALPAIS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-21

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TAMALPAIS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ENDORSING MEASURE B, A PARCEL TAX FOR THE MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY, ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022, BALLOT

WHEREAS, the Marin County Free Library has been a vital resource throughout Marin County for 95 years. The library system has grown to 10 branches throughout the County as well as two outreach vehicles: the Bookmobile and Learning Bus (a free preschool on wheels); and

WHEREAS, Measure B, originally known as Measure A, first passed in 2010 and sunset in 2014, provided a parcel tax of \$49 per parcel with an annual CPI adjustment, and included independent citizen oversight and senior citizen exemptions; and

WHEREAS, the Measure provided necessary funding supporting the Marin County Free Library programs for children, teens, and seniors, as well as facilities and collections of books; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Measure was renewed and passed by the voters for an additional nine years, with a cost-of-living adjustment tied to the Bay Area Consumer Price Index, capped at three percent (3%); and

WHEREAS, the parcel tax provides critical funding to bring local libraries up to date, prevent closures, maintain library hours, preserve educational and job-seeking resources for low-income residents, prevent staff lay-offs, maintain collections of books, CDs, DVDs, materials and services, provide ADA accessibility; and

WHEREAS, all funds generated from Measure B must be used for Marin County library services and an independent citizens' oversight and annual audits ensure funds are spent as promised; and

WHEREAS, the Measure is due to sunset next year and has been placed on the November 8 ballot for another nine year renewal; and

WHEREAS, renewing Measure B will ensure libraries can continue to update public use computers and wireless internet systems critical to those members of the community who do not have access to technology at home; and

WHEREAS, the November 8 ballot poses the following question to voters: *"To provide critical funding, that can't be taken by the State, to: maintain library hours and*

24/7 online library access; enhance programs for children, teens, adults, seniors; increase book / digital collections; provide free internet access and computers; upgrade library facilities; shall the Marin County Free Library measure be adopted increasing the currently approved library parcel tax to \$98 a year, providing \$4.7 million dollars annually, for 9 years, with annual adjustments, independent citizen oversight and senior citizen exemptions?"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tamalpais Community Services District endorses Measure B, a parcel tax for the Marin County Free Library, on the November 8, 2022, ballot.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Tamalpais Community Service District at a duly noticed meeting held in said District on the 14th day of September, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: 4 S Bartschat, J. Brown, S. Levine, M. McMahon

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 J. Jacobs



Steffen Bartschat, President

ATTEST:



Secretary, Tamalpais Community Services District