



TOWN OF FAIRFAX
STAFF REPORT
April 2, 2014

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Adopt a resolution in support of Marin County Free Library Renewal of Measure 'A' parcel tax, which will be on the June 3, 2014 ballot

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the resolution

DISCUSSION

Mayor Weinsoff has requested this item be brought to the Town Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Letter from Yes for Marin County Library

RESOLUTION 14-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX
SUPPORTING MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY MEASURE 'A'**

WHEREAS, Measure A was first passed in 2010 and provided a tax of \$49/parcel for 5 years with annual CPI adjustment, including independent citizen oversight and senior citizen exemptions; and

WHEREAS, Measure A is set to expire in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the renewal measure will extend the current approved 2010 \$49 parcel tax for nine years with a cost-of-living adjustment tied to the Bay Area Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent, and ensure local funding can't be taken by the State; and

WHEREAS, it will provide programs for children, teens, seniors, and the disabled including public education support; and

WHEREAS, it will provide funding to enhance library facilities and ADA accessibility, as well as to maintain books and digital collections; and

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

WHEREAS, at the Fairfax Library over the past three years, circulation of materials, attendance, youth and teen borrowing have all increased and a successful pre-school reading program as well as a senior reading club have been established; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Library is a true community hub serving all members of our community, and with the passage of this renewal measure may support an increase of our library's hours by opening on Fridays, which is a long-standing community request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Fairfax Town Council endorses and supports passage of Measure A for the Marin County Free Library on the June 3, 2014 ballot.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax at a regular meeting held in said Town on the 2nd day of April 2014, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DAVID WEINSOFF, Mayor

Attest: _____
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

From: Cindy [<mailto:cindyswift@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 10:28 AM
To: dweinsoff@townoffairfax.org
Subject: Marin County Measure A Renewal

Councilmember Weinsoff -

The Marin County Free Library needs your endorsement of Measure A, which will be on the June 3, 2014 ballot.

This measure was first passed in 2010 to keep our library doors open and maintain services to children, teens, seniors and people with disabilities. It provided a tax of \$49/parcel for 5 years. Thanks to Measure A, our branches are open, and they are being renovated for improved ADA accessibility and more efficient use of space.

The Fairfax Library has been able to make ADA accessibility changes due to Measure A as well as modernize its technology and is currently undergoing a remodel in order to provide better service to its patrons. Over the past three years, circulation of materials as well as attendance at the library has increased. Youth and teen borrowing has increased. There is a successful pre-school reading program as well as a senior reading club. The library has been able to update its public use computers and wireless internet systems which are critical to those members of our community who do not have access to technology at home.

Now Measure A is set to expire. The renewal measure will extend the parcel tax for nine years with a cost-of-living adjustment tied to the Bay Area Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent and will continue the current senior exemption. With its renewal the Fairfax Library may be able to increase its hours by opening on Fridays which has been a long standing community request. Our Fairfax Library is a true community hub serving all members of our community.

I am asking for your help to pass this critical measure. As a Fairfax resident, council member and endorser of the original Measure A in 2010, you know the importance of libraries to our community. The measure will benefit the Fairfax library which is one of the busiest in the county.

Your **endorsement** is very important to us. You can support the measure by using the attached form to endorse the measure, volunteer to phone bank or display a lawn sign. You can fill in the form online and return it via email, or mail it to the campaign PO Box.

Thank you for your support!

Cindy Swift
Co-chair, Yes for Marin County Library
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