



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Resolution to Support the Passage of Proposition 14, the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction Bond Act of 2000

MEETING DATE: February 2, 2000

SUBMITTED BY: Library Services Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt the attached Resolution to support the passage of Proposition 14, the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction Bond Act of 2000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Proposition 14 offers the Lodi Public Library the opportunity to compete for state funds to finance a portion of the cost to renovate our library building. The major provisions of Proposition 14 allow for use of the funds for renovations as well as new construction. The program favors joint use and cooperative agreements between library jurisdictions and school districts.

Governor Davis signed SB 3 in September 1999. The March 7th ballot measure requires a simple majority to pass. Please see the attachments for more information.

At their January 10, 2000 meeting, the Library Board of Trustees endorsed Proposition 14 and authorized the Library Services Director to present a proposal to the City Council for endorsement of the proposition.

The Library is currently in the study and planning stage of a remodel of the present library facility. The Library Board of Trustees' Long-Range Planning Committee is providing community input regarding facility needs and services.

FUNDING: Not Applicable

Respectfully,

Nancy Martinez
Library Services Director

APPROVED: _____

H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

The Facts About

Proposition 14

The Statewide Bond For Literacy and Libraries On the March 7, 2000 Statewide Ballot

Proposition 14, slated for the March 7, 2000 ballot, provides \$350 million in bond money for building new libraries, repairing existing facilities, upgrading telecommunications and electrical systems, improving study conditions, and creating a safe, comfortable environment for library users.

Why Is Proposition 14 Necessary?

As California's population continues to climb, library visits have skyrocketed statewide. Many communities have no local library, and others have facilities that are old, worn and out-of-date.

In 1998, the State Library surveyed public libraries to determine construction and renovation needs. The survey identified 425 needed projects at a cost of approximately \$2 billion. This prompted the introduction of Senate Bill 3, which passed both houses of the State Legislature with solid bi-partisan support, and was signed by the Governor. This \$350 million bond measure – now called Proposition 14 – is on the March 7, 2000 statewide ballot.

What Are the Major Provisions of Proposition 14?

- Authorizes libraries to apply for state grants of between \$50,000 and \$20,000,000 for the construction, remodeling or repair of library facilities.
- Establishes first priority funding for joint-use projects where there is a cooperative agreement between libraries and schools.
- Provides up to 65% in state bond funding for approved projects, with a required 35% local match.

What Can Proposition 14 Funds Can Be Used for?

- site acquisition
- new building construction
- remodeling/renovating existing public library facilities, or converting other facilities to public libraries
- upgrading telecommunications and electrical systems to accommodate technology
- purchasing of furniture and equipment

Who Supports Proposition 14?

Proposition 14 was placed on the ballot with overwhelming support from Republican and Democratic State Legislators. Other supporters include: League of Women Voters of California • Congress of California Seniors California Teachers Association • California Organization of Police and Sheriffs Building and Construction Trades Council of California, AFL-CIO • California Library Association, and city councils, boards of supervisors and school district boards throughout the state.

**For More Information, Contact Your Library Director or Californians for Literacy and Community Libraries
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RESOLUTION NO. 2000-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE PASSAGE
OF PROPOSITION 14, "THE CALIFORNIA READING AND LITERACY
IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION
BOND ACT OF 2000"

WHEREAS, public libraries are a supplement to the formal system of free public education and deserve adequate financial support from government at all levels; and

WHEREAS, a viable statewide system of public libraries is essential to assist the schools, support children and to serve the general public in all local communities; and

WHEREAS, community public libraries are an important partner in providing a quality education for children and ensuring lifelong learning opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the public interest is served by providing adequate resources to properly fund public library facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, local public libraries throughout California need additional funding for the construction of new libraries and for the expansion and renovation of existing library facilities to better serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, the California State Library recently conducted a statewide survey which identified a need for over 425 local library projects at a cost in excess of \$2 billion; and

WHEREAS, first priority is given to projects which are joint ventures between public libraries and the schools; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature and the Governor approved SB3, the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2000, authorizing \$350 million in State bonds to fund grants on a 65% state – 35% local match basis; and

WHEREAS, this measure will appear on the March 7 2000 statewide ballot as Proposition 14, and, if approved by California voters, will provide significant funding to address California's public library construction needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lodi supports the passage of Proposition 14, "The California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction Bond Act of 2000," and encourages voters in the City of Lodi to approve this bond act on March 7, 2000.

Dated: February 2, 2000

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2000-13 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held February 2, 2000 by the following vote:

- AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Land, Pennino and Mann (Mayor)
- NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Nakanishi
- ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
- ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


ALICE M. REIMCHE
City Clerk