

RESOLUTION NO. 04-001

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
ENDORING SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY JPA MEASURE B (A BALLOT
MEASURE TO CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARIES
ON THE MARCH 2, 2004 BALLOT**

WHEREAS, lifelong learning and literacy are important components of a healthy community, and libraries play an important role in their delivery;

WHEREAS, voters overwhelmingly approved the 1994 ballot measure to restore hours, books and services at local libraries; and this measure put in place a 10-year parcel tax that has provided approximately 21% of the overall library budget, or \$5.3 million annually, to libraries in Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, Monte Sereno, Saratoga, and the unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County;

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County libraries face an uncertain future, with demand for service increasing, at a time when cities and counties are experiencing revenue shortfalls, and the funding provided for libraries by the parcel tax expires in June 2005;

WHEREAS, the expiration of the parcel tax will mean a loss of \$5.3 million annually to local libraries, necessitating cuts to library services of 21%; which will mean closing libraries an additional 1 or 2 days a week, including Sundays; reducing books and materials budgets by nearly \$700,000; and reducing or eliminating story hours for children, research services for students and businesses, and adult literacy efforts;

WHEREAS, Measure B will appear on the March 2, 2004 ballot in Santa Clara County and will ask voters to continue funding our community library system by continuing the current parcel tax assessment benefiting libraries with a slight increase;

WHEREAS, these funds can only be used for library services within the city in which they were raised, and the parcel tax will automatically expire after 7 years;

WHEREAS, if approved by Santa Clara County voters, Measure B will provide funding to maintain services at current levels at our local libraries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Los Altos strongly endorses Measure B on the March 2, 2004 ballot, encourages voters in the City of Los Altos to vote in favor of this measure, and directs the City Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution at the earliest possible date after its adoption to the Measure B campaign headquarters.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this resolution was duly introduced and adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Los Altos City Council on the 13th day of January, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: Cole, Packard, Casas, Lear, Moss
NOES: None
ABSENT: None


SUSAN KITCHENS, CITY CLERK


JOHN MOSS, MAYOR