CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 6

MEETING DATE:           Thursday, November 17, 2011
AGENDA ITEM #:          11 C
ITEM:                   ELECTION OF 2012 LIBRARY COMMISSION OFFICERS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Commissioners will have the opportunity to nominate additional candidates.
Commissioners will elect officers of the Library Commission.
ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

SECTION 1: OFFICERS

The officers of the Commission shall be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.

SECTION 2: CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson shall: (1) preside at all business meetings; (2) set the agenda and review minutes for all meetings in consultation with the Secretary; (3) have general supervision over all Commission business conducted; and; (4) have such other powers and duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Commission.

SECTION 3: VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The Vice-Chairperson shall, in the absence or inability of the Chairperson to act, exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the Chairperson. He/she shall also have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Commission.

SECTION 4: SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be the County Librarian. He/she will keep the minutes of the meetings of the Commission. In consultation with the Chairperson, he/she shall prepare all agendas. He/she shall distribute all agendas, be custodian of the Commission's records, keep a register of the contact information of each member, which shall be furnished to the Secretary by each member and, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary.

SECTION 5: TERM OF OFFICE

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall serve a term of one year and may succeed themselves for one additional consecutive term. The elective officers shall serve until replacements are elected.

SECTION 6: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The elective officers of this Commission are the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Both officers shall be annually elected at the November regular meeting. Majority votes of both city and county members present constituting a quorum are required to elect.
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AGENDA ITEM #: 11 D
ITEM: LIBRARY FUNDING IN JEOPARDY – YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Commissioners will consider the 2011-12 budget challenges facing the three major library programs – the California Library Services Act, the Public Library Foundation, and the state literacy program, and will consider the request of the California Library Association to send letters.
November 8, 2011

TO: CLA MEMBERS/ SYSTEMS/ NETWORK CONTACTS

RE: Mike Dillon, CLA Lobbyist & Christina DiCaro, CLA Lobbyist
News From The Capitol

LIBRARY FUNDING IN JEOPARDY – YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!
“Spare Public Libraries From the Trigger!”

As CLA members and library supporters are aware, the 2011-12 Budget presented some very tough challenges for three major library programs – the California Library Services Act, the Public Library Foundation, and the state literacy program. These programs continue to be in jeopardy, and now CLA needs your help again!

In January, the Governor’s Budget proposed eliminating all state funding for these three programs ($30.4 million), but through heavy lobbying efforts and a strong grass roots showing from the library community, we were able to retain half of that funding ($15.2 million) to keep the three programs operational, by compromising with the legislature and Governor’s office.

You will recall that, as part of the 2011-12 Budget agreement, the legislature adopted and the Governor signed AB 121, the so-called “Budget Trigger” bill. This measure states that:

“No later December 15, 2011, the Director of Finance shall forecast General Fund revenues for the 2011-12 fiscal year and shall determine whether that revenue forecast or the Legislative Analyst’s November 2011 General Fund forecast is higher. The Director of Finance shall notify the Joint Legislative Budget Committee of the determination and the amount of the higher forecast. If the higher revenue forecast determined pursuant to subdivision (a) projects General Fund revenues for the 2011-12 fiscal year of less than $87,452,500,000, the Director of Finance shall do all of the following on or after January 1, 2011:…….”

What then follows the above language is a list of the items that could be cut, effective January 1, including all remaining state funding for library services (could zero out the $15.2 million), and thus, there would be no more state funding for the CLSA, PLF, or literacy. The proposed public library cuts are on a list of reductions along with major cuts to UC and CSU, In Home Support Services, and juvenile justice programs, among others.

In a meeting we had last week with the Director of the Department of Finance she asserted that the legislation, AB 121, gives the Department very little flexbility and “wiggle room.” In subsequently speaking with several key legislative staff members, they acknowledge that for groups (e.g. libraries) to be spared the impacts of the “trigger,” after the first of the year, they would have to be part of a larger, alternative compromise proposal. If the trigger is pulled, there may be other options, including asking the legislature or the Governor to replace the $15.2 million during next year’s Budget deliberations. For any of these efforts to work, pressure must be brought to bear by our strong grass roots library supporters. While we will be working with legislators and Budget staff in the coming weeks and months to try to identify options and solutions, we need your help now.

We are asking CLA members and library supporters to do the following today:

1. Write the Governor – mail a hard copy letter, or fax it, or email him
   a) cc the four legislative leaders on the letter you prepared for the Governor
   b) cc your own legislators on these letters

In your letters, please inform the Governor’s office that the cuts will have:
1) Devastating impacts on local library services (Cite specifics.)
2) Will dismantle the CLSA – the state’s cooperative loaning program to the point where libraries
   won’t share resources anymore and non-residents will either not be allowed to use services or will
   use them at significant cost (e.g. library cards of $75 or more)
3) 20,000 adult literacy learners may have nowhere else to turn for services.
4) Approximately $15 million in federal funding – money that also funds the Braille and Talking Book
   library – could be lost.

While we know that the holidays are busy times for everyone, we urge you to take a moment today to
write the Governor (cc the leaders) and encourage him to “Spare Public Libraries From The
Trigger.” Please don’t wait until after the first of the year – that will, most assuredly, be too late.

Mail your letter to:
The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Room, 1173
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Or fax your letter to the Governor: (916) 558-3160, or for instructions on how to email the Governor,
please go to www.gov.ca.gov and click on the “contact” section.

CC’s to the following

The Honorable Darrell Steinberg
Senate President pro Tempore
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA. 95814
Or fax: (916) 323-2263

The Honorable Bob Dutton
Senate Minority Leader
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 305
Sacramento, CA. 95814
Or fax: (916) 327-2272

The Honorable John A. Perez
Speaker of the California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA. 95814
Or fax: (916) 319-2146

The Honorable Connie Conway
Assembly Republican Leader
State Capitol, Room 3104
Sacramento, CA. 95814
Or fax: (916) 319-2134

Thank you for your help!

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 8

MEETING DATE: Thursday, November 17, 2011
AGENDA ITEM #: 12 A
ITEM: CONSIDER 2012 LIBRARY COMMISSIONER MEETING DATES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
- Commissioners will consider the 2012 Library Commission meeting dates below:

2012 MEETINGS OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION

January 26, 2012
March 22, 2012
May 25, 2012
July 26, 2012
September 27, 2012
November 15, 2012
(Holiday: November 22, 2012)