CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION

AGENDA ATTACHMENT 3

MEETING DATE: Thursday, May 25, 2017
AGENDA ITEM #: 10.A.
ITEM: STATE BUDGET

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action is recommended.
Walt please forward this to the commissioners. thanks

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From: CLA Legislative Update <legislativeupdate@cla-net.org>  
To: calix@listserv.cla-net.org  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 3:44 PM  
Subject: [Calix] LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: GOVERNOR RELEASES REVISED BUDGET WITH MODEST CHANGES

May 11, 2017

TO: CLA MEMBERS/ SYSTEMS/ NETWORK CONTACTS  
FROM: Mike Dillon and Christina DiCaro, CLA Lobbyists  
RE: News From the Capitol

GOVERNOR RELEASES REVISED BUDGET WITH MODEST CHANGES

State Library Budget Holds Steady

This morning Governor Jerry Brown released his “May Revision” of the State Budget before the press corps at the State Capitol. The May Revision, or “May “Revise” as it is called, is an opportunity for the Governor to update his January Budget, based on the latest revenue projection numbers, which include April tax receipts and anticipated actions at the Federal level. Governor Brown acknowledged that his May Revise approach was a modest one, saying, “It is very cruel to fund programs and then pull the rug out from under them.” In his overview, the Governor said he is quite concerned about the effort in Washington D.C. to “repeal and replace” the Affordable Care Act and how that may impact California revenues. He stated, “Repeal and Replace’ would be really bad news for California. It would be ugly….That’s why we will fight it as hard as we can.”

Yesterday the State Controller, Betty Yee, issued a press release which read in part, “In one of the most crucial months for collections, California revenues of $15.98 billion for April fell short of projections in the Governor’s proposed 2017-18 budget by $1.05 billion, or 6.2 percent.” She added, “April is usually the state’s biggest tax filling month, so lower-than-expected personal income tax receipts are troubling. While we await the governor’s May Revision, this is another signal that we may be inching towards an economic downturn, and
we must tailor our spending accordingly.” The Governor echoed the sentiment of the Controller, using a series of charts and graphs, noting, “Cuts are coming over the next few years. No doubt about it.” However, he does propose some spending increases in the areas of K-12 education, child care, and In Home Supportive Services.

The Governor’s May Revision holds steady the current funding in the State Library Budget – in other words, there were no proposed increases and no proposed cuts to existing funding. Over the last two weeks we have been working with Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (AD 4) who has spearheaded an effort, along with a bi-partisan group of her colleagues to seek additional Budget funding for two programs of great interest to public libraries. Specifically, the Assemblymembers are requesting, with CLA’s support:

- $4 million to continue efforts to connect public libraries to the high-speed broadband “backbone” operated by CENIC (Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California)
- $1 million for Career Online High School, which is currently operating in many libraries in the state.

On Tuesday, CLA testified in Assembly Budget Subcommittee Number 2 on Education Finance, in support of the effort by Assemblywoman Aguiar-Curry and others (see letter attached). Also testifying in support of the funding proposal was the lobbyist for CENIC and the lobbyist for Smart Horizons, the Career Online High School provider. The Assembly Budget Subcommittee has been leaving most items “open” at this time, as it is important for them to analyze the Governor’s May Revision proposal before they can act on various education-related items.

In light of the Governor’s prudent approach with today’s May Revision document, we will be working hard in the coming days to try to identify some “one-time” money that could be used for broadband connection grants and Career Online High School, versus “on-going” funding, which the Governor does not typically entertain for these purposes. The Budget subcommittee deliberations in both the Assembly and the Senate will be wrapped up by Friday, May 26. From there, the full Budget Committees and the Budget Conference Committee will convene to reconcile differences and entertain further discussions with the Governor’s office.

We would like to thank Assemblywoman Aguiar-Curry and the following Assemblymembers for their support of the effort to seek additional library funding: Brian Dahle, Frank Bigelow, Adrin Nazarian, Eduardo Garcia, Mark Stone, Jim Wood, Adam Gray, Monique Limon, Eloise Gomez Reyes, James Gallagher, Blanca Rubio, Raul Bocanegra, and Reggie Jones-Sawyer.

Attachment: Assembly Budget Subcommittee Number 2 on Education Finance Letter

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March 21, 2017

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Room 1173
Sacramento CA 95814

RE: Literacy Investment Augmentation Needed

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, I write to thank you for continuing to support adult literacy programs in California’s public libraries and for recognizing their importance in workforce development. These programs serve those who are not eligible for standard adult education.

In California each year, over 20,000 adults learn to read through such programs. In Contra Costa County 260 adults learned to read through our adult literacy program - Project Second Chance. However, throughout the state, many thousands remain on waiting lists due to inadequate funding. An augmentation of $2 Million in your “May Revise” budget for FY 2017-18 would go a long way to ensuring that more Californians learn to read.

An educated and literate society is essential to be able to effectively compete in the 21st century economy. Additionally, educated and literate residents cause far less crime and pay more in taxes. As a result, a modest increase in this funding will increase the general fund as well as reducing costs to the criminal justice system and public assistance systems.

On behalf of all our residents who want to learn to read and increase their participation in our economy, please augment the literacy investment in the May Revise to your FY 2017-18 budget for the public library adult literacy programs. Thank you for assisting California’s public libraries to grow our economy.

Sincerely,

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
Chair, Board of Supervisors
cc: Members, Board of Supervisors
    Contra Costa County Legislative Delegation
    David Twa, County Administrator
    Melinda S. Cervantes, County Librarian
March 21, 2017

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However, throughout the state many thousands remain on waiting lists due to inadequate funding. An augmentation of $2M in your “May Revise” budget for FY 2017-18 would go a long way to ensuring that more Californians learn to read.

An educated and literate society is essential to be able to effectively compete in the 21st century economy. This has a direct positive impact on the California economy.

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Sincerely,

Laura M. Hoffmeister
Mayor of Concord
The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
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cc: Senator Steve Glazer
    Assemblymember Timothy S. Grayson
    Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian
    Contra Costa County Library Commission
    Sam Caygill, League of CA Cities
    Concord City Council
    Valerie Barone, City Manager
    Joelle Fockler, City Clerk
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Chair, Board of Supervisors
cc: Members, Board of Supervisors
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David Twa, County Administrator
Melinda S. Cervantes, County Librarian
City of Pleasant Hill

March 24, 2017

The Honorable Edmond G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Room 1173
Sacramento CA 95814

Subject: Literacy Investment Augmentation Needed

Dear Governor Brown:

Thank you for continuing to support adult literacy programs in California’s public libraries, and for recognizing their importance in work force development. These programs serve those who are not eligible for standard adult education.

In California each year, over 20,000 adults are taught to read through such programs. In Contra Costa County, 260 adults learned to read through our adult literacy program - Project Second Chance program. Twenty-two of these were from Pleasant Hill.

However, throughout the State thousands of adults remain on waiting lists due to inadequate funding. An augmentation of $2 million in your “May Revise” budget for FY 2017-18 would greatly enhance California’s ability to increase literacy in the State.

An educated and literate society is essential to be able to effectively compete in the 21st century economy. This directly has a positive impact on the California economy.

Additionally, educated and literate residents cause far less crime and pay more in taxes. As a result, a modest increase in this funding will increase the general fund as well as reducing costs to the criminal justice system and public assistance systems.

On behalf of all our residents who want to learn to read and increase their participation in our economy and our democracy, please augment the literacy investment in the May Revise to your FY 2017-18 budget for the public library adult literacy programs.

Thank you for assisting California’s public libraries to continue to benefit the community and the economy.

Sincerely

Michael G. Harris, OD, Mayor

CC: Senator Bill Dodd
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Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian
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