



A RESOLUTION OF THE CITIES ASSOCIATION SUPPORTING MEASURE A,
SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, a Santa Clara County Library District Community Facilities District Special Tax Measure will appear on the August 27, 2013 mail ballot in our communities; and

WHEREAS, voter-approved taxpayer funding for our local libraries has been in place for the past twenty years and is due to expire, and

WHEREAS, continuing this funding at existing rates does not increase taxes and will help the Santa Clara County Library to buy needed books and up-to-date research materials; maintain library hours and services; keep qualified librarians; continue summer student reading programs; and provide an award-winning bookmobile program; and

WHEREAS, every dollar from these voter-approved revenues raised within the cities/towns of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, and Saratoga goes directly for the benefit and operation of our local libraries; and

WHEREAS, with school libraries often open only a few days per week, our public library is more important than ever for our children's education as it provides school and community college students with access to new books, up-to-date research materials, and summer reading programs; and

WHEREAS, many seniors on fixed incomes rely on libraries because buying books is just too expensive, and this funding helps maintain our bookmobile program that brings books to senior centers; and

WHEREAS, without this funding, the Santa Clara County Library will be forced to implement significant cuts to programs and services, including purchasing fewer books and databases, reducing its ability to maintain up-to-date collections; reducing or eliminating library programs for children, teens and seniors; and closing the libraries for an additional day to day-and-a-half each week; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cities Association of Santa Clara County endorses the Santa Clara County Library District Community Facilities District Special Tax Measure A on the August 27, 2013 mail ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we authorize the use of our name by the campaign in support of the Measure.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this June 13th, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: Jason Baker (Campbell), Rod Sinks (Cupertino), Peter Leroe-Muñoz (Gilroy), Courtenay Corrigan (Los Altos Hills), Joe Pirzynski (Los Gatos), Jose Esteves (Milpitas), Curtis Rogers (Monte Sereno), Steve Tate (Morgan Hill), Margaret Abe-Koga (Mountain View), Sam Liccardo (San Jose), Chuck Page (Saratoga), Jim Griffith (Sunnyvale)

NOES:

ABSENT: Jarret Fishpaw (Los Altos), Greg Scharff (Palo Alto), Jamie Matthews (Santa Clara)

Board President

ATTEST:

Board Clerk