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COUNTY LIBRARIAN

September 5, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH
THE CITY OF LA VERNE
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3-VOTE MATTER)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Mayor to sign a five-year agreement for grounds maintenance services with the City of La Verne for the La Verne Library, at a cost of \$3,000 per year for a total cost of \$15,000 over the term of the Agreement, to be effective October 15, 2006 through October 14, 2011.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Los Angeles County Charter, Section 56-1/4 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to contract with a city to perform duties and functions for the County. The City of La Verne has been providing grounds maintenance services for the La Verne Library located at, 3460 D Street, La Verne, CA since 1985 and has agreed to hold the same price over the new five-year contract term. The County is satisfied with the services currently provided and wishes to continue the relationship with the City. The existing Agreement expires October 14, 2006. The County benefits from the services provided by the City and recommends approval of the proposed agreement to continue these services.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended award is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan in the areas of service excellence, fiscal integrity, and organizational effectiveness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Under the terms of the proposed Agreement, the City will provide grounds maintenance services for the Library at a cost of \$3,000 per year for a total cost of \$15,000 over a term of five (5) years. Extra repairs required due to vandalism, equipment replacement needed from wear and tear, or re-landscaping of the property, will be billed at additional cost based on time and materials.

The annual service period under the new agreement will be October 15 through October 14, and the City will invoice the County on an annual basis. In the event the City is prevented from performing the grounds maintenance services for the Library, the City shall return to the County the pro-rata portion of any annual payment prepaid by the County.

Either party shall have the right to cancel this Agreement at any time upon giving 30 days prior written notice. In the event of such cancellation, the City shall return to the County the pro-rata portion of each annual payment prepaid by County.

The contract rate is comparable to outside private contractors based on the Public Library's experience in this area. The cost for this Agreement will be paid from existing funds included in the Department's operating budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The current Agreement with the City of La Verne expires October 14, 2006. The new Agreement will take effect on October 15, 2006.

This Agreement is authorized under the provisions of Section 56-1/4 of the Charter of the County of Los Angeles and Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, (Sections 6500 et seq.) of the Government Code.

The Agreement was reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

The standard County contract provisions for services from the private sector are not applicable to a contract for services provided by a City.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Since this is an intergovernmental agreement, no competitive procurement is required.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Approval of this agreement will assure continuation of current grounds maintenance services by the City, without interruption.

CONCLUSION

The grounds maintenance services provided under the recommended agreement are essential to Public Library operations at the La Verne Library.

Please return a conformed copy of the adopted Board Letter and the Agreement to the Public Library, and one copy to Office of the County Counsel, Attention: David Beaudet, 500 W. Temple St., Rm. 602, Los Angeles, CA 90012. In addition, please return two fully conformed copies of the agreement with original signatures to the Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,



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County Librarian

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller