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September 11, 2007

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:

PUBLIC LIBRARY: REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE EARLY LEARNING WITH FAMILIES GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY FOR THE LIBRARIES IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE: HAWTHORNE AND WISEBURN (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept the Early Learning with Families grant in the amount of $25,000 from the California State Library for the Hawthorne and Wiseburn libraries in the City of Hawthorne.

2. Authorize the County Librarian to act on the County's behalf regarding the execution and completion of all documents relating to the project as may be required under the conditions of the grant, to expend the funds necessary for the completion of the project, and to meet the conditions of the grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Public Library is requesting Board acceptance of a grant in the amount of $25,000 from the California State Library for the Early Learning with Families (ELF) Family Place Plus project. The grant was awarded to the Public Library for the Hawthorne and Wiseburn libraries in the City of Hawthorne, to expand the Public Library's Family Place program and to provide enhanced library services to young children, families, and caregivers. The ELF grant will enable the Public Library to create a family-friendly hub to bring together families, library materials, and community resources in support of the development of successful children and families. In addition to providing library

services, the Public Library will partner with the Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) initiative and the Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. - Women, Infants, and Children (PHFE-WIC) program to provide direct outreach services to the families and children of the Hawthorne community.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals in the areas of Service Excellence (Goal 1), Fiscal Responsibility (4), and Children's and Families' Well-Being (5).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The ELF grant of $25,000 from the California State Library is in federal Library Services and Technology Act funds for the period ending June 30, 2008. The grant funds will be used for the purchase of library materials and necessary services and supplies to implement the grant project. In-kind support of staffing and project operating expenses will be provided by the Public Library, LAUP initiative, and PHFE-WIC program. The Public Library's operating budget has the appropriation to cover expenditures from this grant. Acceptance of this one-time grant does not commit the County to provide ongoing services.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County policy requires that grants be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. A Grant Management statement is not required for this grant because the grant amount is under $100,000.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

This generous grant from the California State Library will enable the libraries in the City of Hawthorne and the local community to expand specialized early literacy programs, library services, and outreach to the children and families of the Hawthorne community.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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