




MEETING DATE: 3/7/05  
ITEM NO. 12  
ADDENDUM

**COUNCIL/AGENCY AGENDA REPORT**

DATE: MARCH 4, 2005

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL/  
CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

FROM: DEBRA J. FIGONE, TOWN MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 

SUBJECT: DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING PRELIMINARY  
FISCAL YEAR 2005/06 BUDGET BALANCING PROPOSALS TO BE  
INCORPORATED INTO TOWN'S FISCAL YEAR 2005/06 PROPOSED  
OPERATING BUDGET

**DISCUSSION:**

Attached is a letter from Friends of Los Gatos Public Library advising the Town on their \$5,000 donation to the Library. The Friends letter also comments on the Town's annual budget.

Attachment: 2/22/05 letter from Friends of Los Gatos Public Library

  
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Deputy Director

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Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Town Manager OK Town Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk Administrator  
\_\_\_\_\_ Finance \_\_\_\_\_ Community Development

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# FRIENDS



OF LOS GATOS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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MAJOR & TOWN COUNCIL

February 22, 2005

The Honorable Mayor Mike Wasserman  
And Los Gatos Town Council  
110 East Main Street  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

FRIENDS OF LOS GATOS  
PUBLIC LIBRARY WAS  
ESTABLISHED TO  
ENCOURAGE USE OF  
THE LIBRARY FOR THE  
PURSUIT OF KNOWL-  
EDGE, INFORMATION  
AND PLEASURE;  
TO INCREASE PUBLIC  
AWARENESS OF LIBRARY  
RESOURCES; TO RAISE  
FUNDS FOR LIBRARY  
ENHANCEMENTS; AND TO  
PROVIDE VOLUNTEER  
HELP TO THE LIBRARY,  
ITS PATRONS AND HOME  
BOUND LOS GATANS.

Dear Mayor Wasserman and Town Council,

I am pleased to inform you that the Friends of Los Gatos Library voted unanimously at our February 8 board meeting to donate \$5,000 to the Library for the purchase of best sellers and other popular materials to add to the depleted collection. This is a one-time gift, as the Friends ordinarily fund only library enhancements, not operating budget items.

The Friends board's decision to break tradition in contributing \$5,000 to a library operating budget item was prompted by reports from among our over 800 members that popular fiction and nonfiction books were either not available at the library or required being on a reserve waiting list with up to 15 names ahead of them. One member stated that a popular book she wanted was not obtainable at Los Gatos Library, however when checking at the Saratoga Library she learned there were 15 copies of the desired book available with 15 patrons on the reserve list and a wait of only three days.

We are saddened to see entire shelves in the new book section empty, and by the fact that the 60% increase in circulation of the past four years is now dwindling due to our lack of hard copy and electronic materials.

Friends of the Library appreciate and understand the difficult job facing the Council in prioritizing needs and balancing the budget, and we thank you for the time and commitment you give to the community. We hope the library's collection and full operating budget can be restored in the near future.

Sincerely,

Kathie Gaylord, President  
Friends of Los Gatos Public Library.  
KG/rb

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PUBLIC LIBRARY  
110 EAST MAIN STREET  
LOS GATOS, CA 95030  
408-399-5700

C: Debra Figone, Town Manager