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Sacramento Public Library
and Information Service

Law and Legislation Committee
Sacramento, California

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HONORABLE MEMBERS IN SESSION:

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 85,
CALIFORNIA LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND
RENOVATION BOND ACT OF 1988.

SUMMARY

Request that the City Council adopt a Resolution in support of Proposition 85, the California Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 1988.

BACKGROUND

Governor George Deukmejian signed Senate Bill 181 (Chapter 49), the Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 1988.

This measure will provide financing for library repair, renovation and construction projects. State bonds will provide 65 percent funding and the recipient will provide 35 percent matching funds.

This measure was placed on the November 8, 1988 general election ballot as Proposition 85.


FINANCIAL DATA

The adoption of the Resolution in support of Proposition 85 has no financial impact on the City of Sacramento.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Law and Legislation Committee recommend approval of this Resolution to the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard M. Killian".

Richard M. Killian
Library Director

October 20, 1988
All Districts

RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 85, CALIFORNIA LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION BOND ACT OF 1988.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

WHEREAS the public library is an enduring and important resource to people of all ages, races and economic backgrounds and needs to be preserved.

WHEREAS many public library facilities are unsafe, inaccessible and inadequate to provide needed services to their communities.

WHEREAS a state/local financial partnership is needed since local public libraries do not have the funds to remedy this problem of deteriorating and inadequate library facilities.

WHEREAS the California Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 1988 will appear as Proposition 85 on the statewide ballot in November 1988 and, if adopted, would create a grant program to construct and renovate local public libraries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Sacramento that the Council support Proposition 85, the California Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 1988, which authorizes the issuance of \$75 million in state general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing a library construction and renovation program.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK



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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

September 20, 1988

Terry Kastanis
8081 Center Parkway
Sacramento, CA 95823

Dear Mr. Kastanis:

Thank you for your interest in Proposition 85-- the bond issue for library construction and renovation that is on the November ballot.

Earlier you had indicated that you would like additional information about Proposition 85, and that you might contribute financially to help pass this bond issue. We would greatly appreciate your financial help so that we can print and distribute the information necessary to inform voters about this important issue. Proposition 85 is critical not only for the library projects it will help fund, but for the message it will send to legislators, the governor, and locally elected officials about the importance California voters place on libraries.

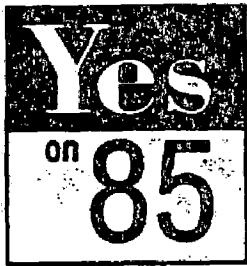
Enclosed for your information is a fact sheet concerning Proposition 85 and a draft newsletter article. It would help the campaign a great deal if you could talk with organizations in which you are involved about including an article about Proposition 85 in their newsletters.

This October we will be asking supporters of Proposition 85 to send pre-printed postcards to their friends and neighbors, urging them to vote for Proposition 85. We would also appreciate your help in this effort. Enclosed is a materials request form. Please use this form to order the postcards, additional copies of the fact sheet, or "Yes on 85" signs.

Thank you again for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

Peter Birdsall
Campaign Manager



WHAT IS PROPOSITION 85?

Proposition 85 is a \$75 million state bond issue for library construction and renovation.

WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 85 DO?

* Authorizes grants to any city, county, city-county, or district which is empowered to own or maintain a local public library.

* Grants could be used to address the following needs:

- site acquisition.
- new building construction.
- remodel existing buildings to increase energy efficiency.
- renovate existing buildings to meet health and safety codes.
- renovate or remodel existing buildings for handicapped access.

* The minimum grant application would be \$35,000 per project.

* The grant applicant (local community) would be required to provide at least 35% of the project cost. Thus, there would be a state and local partnership in funding each of the approved projects.

* Grants could not be used for administrative costs, ongoing operational costs, books, materials, or repayments of local loans.

* Will NOT raise taxes.

WHY IS PROPOSITION 85 NECESSARY?

California is in the midst of extraordinary population and economic growth. This year alone California's population grew by 600,000 people! Like many important community services, libraries have been unable to keep pace with this rapid growth. As a result, there are California neighborhoods and communities that simply do not have a local library.

Other communities rely on old library structures --some built as far back as 1852, with many built prior to 1930. These older facilities need to be expanded, made more accessible to the handicapped, strengthened for earthquake safety, or remodeled to be more efficient. A recent survey conducted by the State Librarian found that 110 of California's 169 public library systems identified a need for construction or renovation funding.

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DRAFT NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

September 12, 1988

California is in the midst of extraordinary population and economic growth. This year alone, California's population grew by 600,000 people! Unfortunately, like other important community services, libraries have been unable to keep pace with these dramatic increases in the populations they serve.

Proposition 85 was placed on the ballot in response to this need to ensure that local libraries are available to serve the growing communities of California. Specifically, Proposition 85 would provide \$75 million in bond revenues to build new libraries, and to expand or renovate existing libraries.

Why is Proposition 85 necessary?

* The sad fact is that right now there are communities in our state which simply do not have a local library. Proposition 85 will help build new libraries.

* Many other communities have libraries which are very old or are totally inadequate to the increased population they serve. Dozens of libraries in California were built prior to 1930, with some constructed in the late 1800's. Proposition 85 will help renovate libraries for earthquake and fire safety. It will also help expand some libraries, make them more accessible to the handicapped, and remodel them so that they can be operated more efficiently.

* Like other important community services, the role of libraries is changing. Libraries have assumed an important role in the literacy campaign to teach adults in California who are just now learning to read. Unfortunately, these important programs simply cannot be offered, or are much less effective, if the library is too far from the people it must serve. Proposition 85 will help provide libraries in the local community--where people can use them.

Proposition 85 is a common sense, cost-effective approach to providing local community libraries. That's why it is supported by, among others, the California Taxpayers' Association. In fact, using bonds is the method preferred by private industry to build new office buildings and factories.

And the reality is that Proposition 85 is a bargain! It amounts to telling California's legislators that they must allocate to library construction and renovation less than two cents of each one hundred dollars in the state budget. To put this in perspective, it means that of taxes we already pay, Proposition 85 will cost less than twenty-five cents per person per year to provide community libraries.

California needs local libraries in its growing communities and Proposition 85 is the cost effective way to provide those libraries. That's why it is supported by leaders of both political parties, such as the Democratic and Republican leaders of the State Senate, as well as local leaders such as Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles, and broad based community groups such as the California State PTA. Please join with them in voting Yes on Proposition 85 on November 8.