

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FILE NO. 11-0600-S54

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER TOM LABONGE, CHAIR
ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE relative to a report from the Library Department on the status of restoring Library hours and services.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Adopted Budget Recommendation relative to an instruction to the Library Department to report on the status of restoring Library hours and services, inasmuch as the Department has complied with the instruction and no Council action is necessary.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On July 12, 2011, the Chair of the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee considered an Adopted Budget Recommendation relative to an instruction to the Library Department to report on the status of restoring Library hours and services, pursuant to adoption of the Mayor's 2011-12 Budget on May 18, 2011.

Representatives of the Library Department appeared before the Committee Chair and reported that Library Charter Amendment Measure L was passed on March 8, 2011 which provides Library funds over a four-year period to gradually restore services to 2009-10 levels. The Library expressed its appreciation to the City Council, Council leadership including Councilmember Tom LaBonge, the Mayor, Library supporters, unions, and the Los Angeles voters for their support in passing Measure L.

The Library reported that with the funding received from Measure L, its four-year plan for restoring hours and services is as follows:

- 2011-12 – Restore six-day service (Mondays) at all 73 libraries
- 2012-13 – Restore two evenings a week to provide services for four evenings a week
- 2013-14 – Increase funding for Library materials and technology upgrades
- 2014-15 – Restore seven-day library service (Sundays) at Central Library and the eight regional libraries.

For 2011-12, Measure L provides \$13 million to the Library's budget, and of that amount 55 percent or \$7 million will be applied to related costs and 45 percent or \$6 million to direct costs for operations (of the \$6 million, \$4.3 million will cover costs for existing employees, and \$1.7 will be allocated for restoring six-day service).

The Library indicated that it is currently in impact negotiations with the bargaining units regarding the six-day service, and for now, the Library's plan is to hire part-time, as-needed, and at-will employees to provide the six-day service. The Library announced that six-day service will be restored effective Monday, July 18, 2011 at all 73 libraries and that it will hold a press conference at the Central Library at 9:30 a.m. on that day to officially announce the restoration of six-day service.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair recommended to note and file the Adopted Budget Recommendation inasmuch as the Library Department has complied with the instruction to report and no Council action is necessary. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER TOM LABONGE, CHAIR
ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
LABONGE:	YES
WESSON:	ABSENT
REYES:	ABSENT

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