

RESOLUTION NO. 102-06

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND IN
SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION
(PLF)**

WHEREAS, the governor and state legislature established the Public Library Foundation (PLF) in 1982 to support public library baseline services with an annual revenue allocation from the general fund starting in fiscal year 1983/84; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature found and declared that it is in the interest of the people and of the state that there be a general diffusion of information and knowledge through the continued operation of free public libraries. Such diffusion is a matter of general concern inasmuch as it is the duty of the state to provide encouragement to the voluntary lifelong learning of the people of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature further found that the public library is a supplement to the formal system of free public education and a source of information and inspiration to persons of all ages, cultural backgrounds, and economic statuses, and a resource for continuing education and reeducation beyond the years of formal education, and as such deserves adequate financial support from government at all levels; and

WHEREAS, library usage in California is at an all time high with circulation up 10% per capita throughout the entire state in the past five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, these funds can be used for collection development and maintenance, lending services, information services, facility management, and administration; and

WHEREAS, Public Library Foundation allocates revenue to the 180 public libraries based on a formula that includes population and inflation, but has never been fully funded and in fiscal year 2005/06 per capita spending on the PLF was less than it was 20 years ago; and

WHEREAS, between fiscal years 2000/01 and 2004/05 funding was slashed by 75%; and

WHEREAS, in 2005/06 funding was \$14.3 million vs. full funding which would have been \$89.5 million, the impact to the Richmond Public Library is \$40,453 was received instead of \$251,000 which it would have been with full funding; and

WHEREAS, the Public Library Foundation was increased for the fiscal year 2006/07 to \$21.3 million; but full funding would have been \$94.25 million.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond urges the Governor to make libraries a priority by fully funding the Public Library Foundation in the 2007/08 budget; and

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly Members and Senators who represent Contra Costa County make libraries a priority and support full funding for the Public Library Foundation.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond, California at a meeting thereof held September 19, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Griffin, Marquez, McLaughlin, Rogers, Thurmond, Viramontes, and Mayor Anderson

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

IRMA L. ANDERSON
Mayor

Approved as to form:

JOHN EASTMAN
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 102-06, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held on September 19, 2006.