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April 21, 2021

The Honorable Paul Krekorian, Chair  
City Council Budget and Finance Committee  
c/o Richard Williams, Office of the City Clerk  
Room 395, City Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

## **MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

Dear Councilmember Krekorian:

The Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) provides social, cultural and education services unmatched by any other public institution in the City. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of these services as LAPL offered programs, services and materials to Angelenos of all ages during the Mayor's "Safer-at-Home" emergency order.

The Mayor's proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 budget includes resources to continue and expand these services to residents and visitors as the City and the Library move forward with the ongoing re-opening efforts. The proposed budget also allows LAPL to continue successful initiatives such as: citizenship and immigrant assistance, the Student Success Library Card program, the mobile outreach program, high school diplomas through the Career Online High School program, digital collections, online courses to build the City's workforce, and the Library's leadership role in increasing sustainability throughout the City.

In addition, the proposed FY 2021-22 budget includes the creation of the new Library Experience Office to provide resources and outreach to assist the City's most vulnerable residents. This budget package includes funds for collaboration with community groups and contracted agencies to identify and design outreach programs and secure resources for those programs; and Social Workers to engage in direct contact with Library patrons to provide patrons with a more welcoming and safer library experience.

With the support and assistance of the Mayor, the City Council and the Board of Library Commissioners, the Library has successfully kept the promises made to the people of the City of Los Angeles when the voters passed Measure L in 2011, including restoring

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service hours at all libraries and providing residents of the City with valuable services, programs and materials.

This budget also funds Library programs, facility repairs and maintenance for the 72 Branch Libraries and Central Library, IT upgrades and additional library materials.

Also as directed by Measure L, the proposed budget contains funds for the Library to reimburse the General Fund more than \$86.3 million for both direct costs (e.g., sidewalk repairs, utilities, custodial services, building maintenance, refuse collection, security services, etc.) and indirect costs (e.g., retirement, fringe benefits, and central services). For FY 2021-22, these costs will make up 39.6% of the Library Budget.

The Library does not have any requests for revisions to the Mayor's Proposed FY 2021-22 budget.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact me or Assistant City Librarian Susan Broman at (213) 228-7515.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Szabo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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