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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 2018-19**

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 Mayor's proposed FY 2018-19 budget provides the resources necessary to enhance and expand these services to improve the lives all Angelenos. LAPL is proud of its accomplishments in citizenship and immigrant integration, the Student Success Library Card program, the mobile outreach program, helping adults receive high school diplomas through the Career Online High School program and providing summer lunches to children in low-income communities.

The Library's other major initiatives assist veterans, provide online courses to build the City's workforce, partner with other agencies to assist the homeless, and take a leadership role in increasing sustainability. The proposed budget builds on the proud tradition of meeting the needs of our city's large and diverse population, engaging Angelenos in life-long learning, and providing resources and assistance to help them succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Under the provisions of Measure L, property values in the city have provided the Library with an increase of more than \$10.7 million for Fiscal Year 2018-19. This increase will provide additional funds of more than \$1.6 million for security services at the Central Library and 72 Branch Libraries and more than \$1 million for additional Library materials.

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The proposed budget also contains a reduction of more than \$2 million from what the Library requires to fund fringe benefits and central services (indirect costs) in FY 2018-19. The new indirect costs were calculated using the CAP 40 rate. Since the indirect costs are calculated based on salaries, the Library will request additional funding in the budget for the next fiscal year to reconcile any under-funded indirect costs incurred in FY 2018-19.

Also, funding in the amount of \$735,000 was included for sidewalk repairs (Blue Book Item No. 13) as part of the Willits Settlement which the Library did not include in its proposed budget submission.

With the support and assistance of the Mayor and 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. These promises includes restoring service hours at all libraries and fully reimbursing the City for all related costs. Forty percent of the Library's budget is allocated to reimburse the General Fund for related costs.

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

Sincerely,



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