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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 2019-20**

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 2019-20 budget provides resources to continue these services to improve the lives of all Angelenos. LAPL is proud of its accomplishments in citizenship and immigrant integration, the Student Success Library Card program, the community 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 provide online courses to build the City's workforce, partner with other agencies to assist the homeless, support early childhood literacy, 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 \$12,997,730 million for Fiscal Year 2019-20. This increase will provide additional funds for security services at the Central Library and 72 Branch Libraries, a landscape maintenance crew, library materials, and IT equipment for infrastructure upgrades.

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The proposed budget contains more than \$7.89 million to address increased LAPL employee compensation, fringe benefits, and central services related costs. For FY 2019-20, LAPL employee salaries will make up 41% of the Library budget.

As stipulated by Measure L, the proposed budget contains funds for the Library to reimburse the General Fund a total of \$78,630,782 (40% of the Library budget) for related costs, including: employee fringe benefits and central services; security, utilities, custodial services, building maintenance, refuse collection, human resources and payroll project, bond fees and credit card fees.

The proposed budget also contains funding for a facility master plan consultant to review, identify and prioritize upgrades and repairs for the Library's facilities and infrastructure. Addressing capital expenditures to improve and expand the Central Library and 72 Branch Libraries will require that funds outside of Measure L are identified to enact the recommendations from the facility master plan.

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, including restoring service hours at all libraries.

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

Sincerely,



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