

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATED AS THE "RENEW WASHOE LIBRARIES RESOLUTION"; SUBMITTING A QUESTION TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF A RENEWAL OF CERTAIN TAXES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, EQUIPPING, OPERATING, AND MAINTAINING LIBRARY FACILITIES FOR WASHOE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO; AND PROVIDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, Washoe County (the "County"), in the State of Nevada (the "State"), was duly organized and created pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") 243.340 and is operating as a county under NRS chapter 244 and the general laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Washoe County Library System was duly established and operating pursuant to NRS 379.010 and the general laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 a majority of the voters of Washoe County voted affirmatively to permit Washoe County to levy an ad valorem tax in the amount of up to \$0.02 per \$100 assessed valuation for a period of 30 years for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping, operating, and maintaining library facilities for the County; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board of County Commissioners") through resolution created the Library Expansion Fund for the purpose of clearly identifying the funds received from the tax and directed those expenditures from the fund be limited to costs associated with the expansion of services including, but not limited to additional library branch debt service payments, expanded library services, expanded library hours, and additional library collections; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 the tax dedication period runs its course and the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees (the "Library Board of Trustees") has included a tax renewal plan as part of the Washoe County Library Strategic Plan for the period of 2022-2025. The Library Director has recommended the imposition of a renewal of the the existing tax in the amount of up to \$0.02 per \$100 assessed valuation for period of 30 years, and has submitted the Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Library Director has requested that the Board of County Commissioners adopt an ordinance imposing the tax (the "Ordinance") if a majority of the voters of the County voting on a question asking whether the recommended tax should be imposed in the County (the "Question") vote affirmatively on the Question at an election (the "Election") to be held in conjunction with the State general election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024;

WHEREAS, the Library Director caused a copy of the Recommendation to be transmitted to the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners shall submit the Question to the voters of the County at the Election.

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "Renew Washoe Libraries Resolution" (the "Resolution").
2. The Election is hereby designated, ordered, and called to be held in conjunction with the State general election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at which time there shall be submitted to the voters of the County the Question hereinafter set forth in Section 3 of this Resolution. The Election shall be conducted in the manner provided by NRS chapter 293 and all laws amendatory thereof (the "General Election Act").
3. The County Clerk shall provide the County Registrar of Voters with a copy of the Question (including an explanation of the Question and a description of anticipated financial effect) substantially in the forms as follows, with such changes as are approved by the Washoe County Library Director, to be submitted to the registered voters of the County:

[Form of submission Clause and Other Ballot Information]

WASHOE COUNTY QUESTION:

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County be allowed to levy an ad valorem tax in the amount of up to \$0.02 per \$100 assessed valuation for a period of 30 years to raise approximately \$1,120,00 in fiscal year 2025-2026 and thereafter the amount generated by a levy of up to \$0.02 per \$100 assessed valuation against the then applicable assessed value of property in the County for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping, operating, and maintaining library facilities for the County?

EXPLANATION:

A "**yes**" vote would permit Washoe County to levy up to \$0.02 per \$100.00 assessed valuation for 30 years for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping, operating, and maintaining library facilities for the County.

The specific anticipated uses of the funds are:

- Renovation and improvements to South Valleys and Spanish Springs Libraries.
- Construction of a new North Valleys Library.
- Expansion of library services and reach through Bookmobile and Book Vending Machine services in the North Valleys, Spanish Springs, and South Valleys regions.

A "**no**" vote means funds necessary to maintain current staffing levels, materials collection budget, technology budget, and weekend and evening service hours at library branches would not be raised.

Argument Advocating the Renew Washoe Libraries Question: [To be provided by the committee advocating the Question.]

Argument Opposing the Renew Washoe Libraries Question: [To be provided by the committee opposing the Question.]

Rebuttal to Argument Advocating the Renew Washoe Libraries Question: [To be provided by the committee opposed to the Question.]

Rebuttal to the Argument Opposing the Renew Washoe Libraries Question: [To be provided by the committee advocating the Question.]

Description of Anticipated Financial Effect: The existing \$0.02 for every \$100 is within the current statutory maximum of \$3.66 for every \$100. The tax will terminate in approximately 30 years from the date of implementation.

4. The Board of County Commissioners shall follow the procedure set forth in NRS 295.121 with respect to appointment of committees to prepare arguments advocating and opposing approval of the Question.
5. Nothing in this Resolution prevents the inclusion in the ballots of provisions for the expression by the qualified registered voters of the County of their choice for any question or proposals other than the Question submitted at the Election.
6. Immediately after the closing of the pools, the election officers shall proceed to canvass the votes cast on the Question, and certify the results so disclosed to the County Board.
7. Within five (5) working days of the Election, the County Board shall meet and publicly canvass the returns.
8. If a majority of the voters voting on the Question vote affirmatively on the Question, the County Board shall adopt the Ordinance substantially in the form attached to the Request Resolution.
9. All action heretofore taken (not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution) by the County Board and by the officers of the County relating to the Question is ratified, approved and confirmed.
10. The officers of the County are authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution.

11. All orders, bylaws and resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with the Resolution, are hereby repealed. This repealer shall not construe to revive any bylaw, order or resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.
12. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.
13. This Resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Chair

Washoe County Clerk