



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 18, 2024

DATE: June 3, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Jeff Scott, Library Director, Library
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THROUGH: David Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and possible adoption of resolution R24-62 designated as the "Renew Washoe Libraries Resolution", and thereby approve the submittal of a question to the registered voters of Washoe County 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. Library. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This agenda item is for the approval of a "Renew Washoe Libraries Resolution" regarding submission of an advisory question on the November 2024 general election ballot concerning the imposition of a renewal of a 30-year dedicated tax override of \$0.02 for every \$100 of assessed property value to be utilized for acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping, operating, and maintaining library facilities for Washoe County.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Economic Impacts

PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

In 1994 the voters within Washoe County authorized the Board of County Commissioners to implement a 30-year dedicated tax override of \$0.02 for every \$100 of assessed property value to be utilized for acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping, operating, and maintaining library facilities for the County.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

The existing \$0.02 for every \$100 is within the current statutory maximum of \$3.66 for every \$100.

In September of 2000 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 expansion of services including, but not limited to additional library branch debt service payments, expanded library services, expanded library hours and additional library collections. Since 2000 the Library Expansion Fund has been utilized for staff to expand hours, payment of debt service on library facilities, and expansion of library collections.

The tax dedication period runs its course this year and the Library Board of Trustees has a tax renewal plan in place as part of the Washoe County Library System 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. The Renew Washoe Libraries Ballot Plan document provides additional information about the proposed Ballot Question and Library plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact related to this resolution at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve and execute resolution R24-62 designated as the "Renew Washoe Libraries Resolution", and thereby approve the submittal of a question to the registered voters of Washoe County 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. Library. (All Commission Districts.)

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board approve, a possible motion would be "Move to approve and execute resolution R24-62 designated as the "Renew Washoe Libraries Resolution", and thereby approve the submittal of a question to the registered voters of Washoe County 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. (All Commission Districts.)