LONE CONE LIBRARY DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**A RESOLUTION**

**IN SUPPORT OF LONE CONE LIBRARY DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 5C**

**ASKING THE VOTERS TO INCREASE TAXES**

**TO ALLOW THE LIBRARY TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS**

**AND CONSTRUCT A NEW FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the Lone Cone Library District (formerly the San Miguel R2Jt Public Library District No. 2) was created by the voters in November 1978 upon the petition of Mrs. Lena Nix and Mrs. Louise Robinson of Norwood (the “**Library District**”); and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Herndon donated their homestead cabin to be moved to 1110 Lucerne Street in Norwood to serve as the library building which was doubled in size in 1980 with the addition of a second cabin; and, by 1996 the facility was doubled again and another 1000 square feet was added; and

WHEREAS, the demand for the Library District’s services and facilities has increased steadily over the past 35 years so that in 2015:

• Attendance at early learning and reading programs for children had increased by 369% in 5 years

• Overall program attendance has increased by more than 400% in 5 years.

• Free books, music, videos and other electronic media to more than 1200 users

• Internet, computer and access to other technology for more than 14,000 users

• Meeting, study and research space for more than 15,000 visitors to the Lone Cone Library facility

in its existing 2100 square feet and at other locations; and

WHEREAS, more than 70 public interviews conducted in the community in 2014 revealed the need and desire for:

• More public meeting and gathering spaces

as well as space for expanded library programs for children, teens and adults and more access to technology and lifelong learning materials to support education, research and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, through careful and conservative financial planning, the Library District acquired approximately 12 acres of property was offered for acquisition on favorable terms by Daniel Tucker at the intersection of Pine and San Miguel streets (the “**Library Property**”); and

WHEREAS, Chad Kusuno at the Community bank worked with the Library District to provide favorable financing so that the Library Property is now owned debt free; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address the needs and desires expressed by the community, the Board of Trustees undertook to prepare a plan for a new library facility that could be constructed on the Library Property; and,

WHEREAS, planning and construction of a new library facility will provide needed services and community spaces, enhance learning and job opportunities of our children and adults and provide an immediate economic impact and additional development prospects for the region; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce desires to participate in the project to provide a community Visitor’s Center; and,

WHEREAS, the Colorado Supreme Court Law Library desires to participate in the project to provide an Equal Access to Justice Center; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado is willing to participate by providing a $1,500,000.00 matching funds grant through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs that was sought by the Library District for the project; and,

WHEREAS, the Library District mill levy must be increased to provide revenue sufficient to

• Take advantage of the $1,500,000.00 offered as a matching grant

• Design and build the new library facility

• Maintain and operate the new facility and expand free access to programs for children, teens and adults, computer, Wi-Fi, cutting edge technology, books, electronic media, research materials

and also provide space for a community visitor center, an Equal Access to Justice site and community gathering and events space; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain voter approval, the Library District has placed the following question on the November 8, 2016 ballot:

Lone Cone Library District Ballot Issue No. 5C

SHALL LONE CONE LIBRARY DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED $ 298,500 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATED REVENUES IN THE YEAR 2017) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RECEIVED THEREAFTER BY INCREASING THE MILL LEVY FROM 3.478 TO 10.428 MILLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLENISHING RESERVES EXPENDED IN RECENT YEARS AND MAINTAINING LIBRARY SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

SATISFYING CONDITIONS FOR THE RECEIPT OF A $1,500,000.00 MATCHING GRANT APPROVED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO, DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM THE ENERGY AND MINERAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE FUND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW LIBRARY FACILITIES (the “Grant”)

CONSTRUCTING NEW LIBRARY BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND COMMUNITY GATHERING AND PROGRAMMING SPACES

PROVIDING SPACE FOR LEGAL CLINICS, RESOURCES AND OTHER LEGAL SERVICES IN COOPERATION WITH THE STATE OF COLORADO, DEPARTMENT OF THE JUDICIARY

UPDATING BOOKS, MEDIA, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH MATERIALS;

WORKING WITH PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS TO ENSURE EACH CHILD HAS A STRONG START AND IS KINDERGARTEN READY;

PROVIDING LITERACY BASED PROGRAMMING;

PROVIDING A LINK TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD FOR THE HOME BOUND WHILE BUILDING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS;

INCREASING SERVICES TO THE AGING POPULATION AND YOUTH;

ENSURING ADEQUATE STAFF;

PROVIDING LIFELONG EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND ADULTS;

AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX LEVY RECEIVED IN 2017 AND THEREAFTER BE COLLECTED AND SPENT REGARDLESS OF THE LIMITATIONS OF SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S.; AND SHALL ALL REVENUES RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT FROM SUCH INCREASE BE COLLECTED AND SPENT WITHOUT LIMITATION OR CONDITION, AND WITHOUT AFFECTING THE COLLECTION OR SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS (INCLUDING THE PROCEEDS OF THE GRANT) UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LONE CONE LIBRARY RESOLVES THAT:

Section 1. The full utilization of the $1,500,000.00 Department of Local Affairs Grant before its expiriation is in the best interest of all of the District’s citizens and our community; and

Section 2. The planning and construction of a new library and public meeting facility and the expansion of library services and access to materials and technology will enhance job prospects for everyone in the Library District and will have an immediate and ongoing economic impact on the region.

Section 3. For the reasons stated above, the Board of Trustees of the Lone Cone Library District supports a “Yes” vote on Lone Cone Library District Ballot Issue No. 5C at the November 8, 2016 election.

Adopted this day of September, 2016

President of the Board

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