



**Marin
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Library Branches

- Bolinas Library
- Civic Center Library
- Corte Madera Library
- Fairfax Library
- Inverness Library
- Marin City Library
- Novato Library/
South Novato Library
- Point Reyes
Station Library
- Stinson Beach Library

Outreach Services

- Library Beyond Walls
- Mobile Library Services
- Marin Literacy
Program

February 9, 2010

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
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SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2010-
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE MARIN
COUNTY FREE LIBRARY CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO IMPOSE
A SPECIAL TAX UPON PARCELS LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY
OF MARIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ESSENTIAL
FUNDING TO PROTECT AND MAINTAIN LIBRARY SERVICES

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution No. 2010-

SUMMARY: The Marin County Free Library (MCFL) serves the unincorporated areas of Marin County as well as the City of Novato and the Towns of Fairfax and Corte Madera. Due to declining revenue and State budget cuts, MCFL has operating shortage of more than \$1 million per year. In order to avoid significant reductions in library hours and further cuts in collections and services, additional local funding is critically needed. A survey conducted in September showed strong support among likely voters for a parcel tax of \$49 for a period of 5 years. This ballot measure would provide necessary funding to: bring local libraries up to date, prevent closures, and maintain library hours; provide children, teen, senior and disabled programs including adult and family literacy; maintain collections of books, CDs, DVDs, materials and services; provide ADA accessibility; and will ensure local funding that can't be taken by the State.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: The proposed ballot measure would allow the restoration of impacted programs and services. If it does not pass, MCFL will return to the Board in July with a supplementary budget request to reduce staff, hours and services. MCFL will incur the costs for the required election, estimated at approximately \$161,552.

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
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Respectfully submitted,

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