

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-98

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK
ENDORING SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY TAX MEASURE Y**

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Library services are funded almost entirely through its share of property taxes using a formula that was set in 1978 with the implementation of Proposition 13; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Library Commission approved a balanced FY 2016-2017 annual budget but without additional funds, Library expenses will exceed revenue in two years; and

WHEREAS, the Library systems' financial constraints are due to a variety of factors including a small portion of property taxes, loss of state funding during the recession that will not be reinstated, significant unfunded liabilities, as well as increases in the cost of books, materials and other library services; and

WHEREAS, the Library needs a dependable, sustainable, and locally controlled revenue source to meet the community's library service needs; and additional funds would allow the Library to restore hours and access (cut by 25% since 2011), keep qualified librarians, expand senior and disabled services, improve access to books and materials, improve technology, and support children's educational programs; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2016, the Sonoma County Board of Library Commissioners voted to place Measure Y on the November 8, 2016 ballot for voter consideration; and

WHEREAS, if approved, Measure Y will provide locally-controlled funds for our local libraries, generating approximately \$12 million annually by imposing a 1/8 of a percent local sales tax measure for 10 years beginning April 1, 2017; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Rohnert Park that the City hereby endorses a "yes" vote on Measure Y on the November 8, 2016 General Election Ballot.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED this 27th day of September, 2016.

CITY OF ROHNERT PARK:



Gina Belforte, Mayor

ATTEST:



Caitlin Saldanha, Deputy City Clerk

AHANOTU: Aye CALLINAN: Absent STAFFORD: Absent MACKENZIE: Aye BELFORTE: Aye
AYES: (3) NOES: (0) ABSENT: (2) ABSTAIN: (0)