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**Law and Legislation Committee  
Sacramento, California**

**SUBJECT: Memorandum From Library Director Relating to  
City's Legislative Program**

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUMMARY**

The Library Director has submitted the attached memorandum in response to Committee Chair Lynn Robie's memorandum to City Department Heads relating to development of a proactive legislative program for the City.

**BACKGROUND**

In January, Law and Legislation Committee Chair Lynn Robie addressed a memorandum to City Department Heads requesting suggestions for legislative initiatives which the City might wish to undertake. The attached memorandum from the Library Director responds to Ms. Robie's request.

**FINANCIAL DATA**

The memorandum describes a loss of \$354,658 to the Sacramento Public Library due to underfunding of State Library Aid by the State.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Not applicable.

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**MBE/WBE**

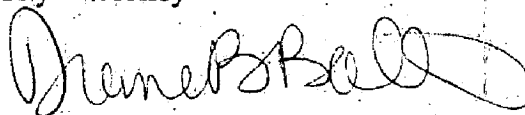
Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Law and Legislation Committee review the Library Director's memorandum and direct the City's Legislative Advocate to take appropriate action to seek restoration of funding.

Respectfully submitted,

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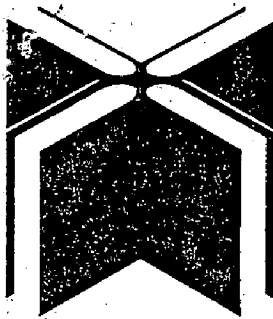


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Date: January 15, 1991

To: Lynn Robie, Chairperson, Law and Legislation Committee

From: Richard M. Killian, Library Director

Subject: CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Thank you for your memo of January 2 indicating a more proactive legislative program for the City.

The Public Library Fund (PLF) was passed by the State of California in the year 1982/83. If the legislation were fully funded some \$44 M would be available for local public library services. The purpose of PLF was and is to assist localities in the provision of public library services and to encourage those localities to provide adequate levels of service.

Attached is a graphic summary of the Public Library Fund in California illustrating the amounts that the Sacramento Public Library, City and County, would receive under full funding compared to actual funding for the years 1989/90, 1990/91, and the amount proposed by Governor Wilson in 1991/92. Our Library actually lost over \$350,000 in the last two budget cycles (real dollars - not inflation adjusted).

All PLF money has gone directly into the Library materials budget. In 1989/90, PLF represented approximately 26.6% of the City Library's materials budget and 31.2% of the County Library's materials budget.

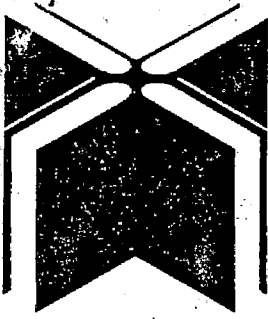
While PLF dollars are not great as we compare them to overall City, County, and State budgets, they are extremely important to the Sacramento Public Library. Without an adequate materials budget, we simply cannot meet the needs and demands of over 400,000 City and County library patrons. I would ask that the City Council and the County Board of Supervisors do everything within their powers to help the Sacramento Public Library restore these lost funds.

If we can provide more information to your committee, please let us know. Thank you for your interest.

RMK:lm  
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cc: Walter Slipe, City Manager  
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Ken Emmanuals, City Legislative Representative  
Baxter Culver, County Legislative Representative  
Barbara Haviland, Friends of the Sacramento Public Library  
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ATTACHMENT TO ROBBIE MEMO, DATED 1/15/91

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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND (STATE LIBRARY AID)  
SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

|                        | Legislative<br>Intent<br>1990/91 | 1989/90<br>Actual | 1990/91<br>Actual | 1991/92<br>Proposed In<br>Governor<br>Wilson's Budget |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| PLF Avail<br>Statewide | <u>\$44.0M</u>                   | <u>\$20.6M</u>    | <u>\$16.6M</u>    | <u>\$10.6M</u>  |
| PLF SPL CITY           | <u>595,459</u>                   | <u>272,916</u>    | <u>224,548</u>    | <u>143,390</u><br>(estimate)                          |
| PLF SPL COUNTY         | <u>907,104</u>                   | <u>443,569</u>    | <u>342,086</u>    | <u>218,436</u>  |
| PLF SPL TOTAL          | <u>1,502,563</u>                 | <u>716,484</u>    | <u>566,634</u>    | <u>361,826</u>  |

Note: The Sacramento Public Library lost \$354,658 in the last two budget cycles -- not counting inflationary factors! The Library is \$1,140,737 below the statutory limit.