

**RESOLUTION NO. .**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF INTEREST ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO SUPPORTING THE EAST PALO ALTO LIBRARY'S EXPLORATION OF A POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH THE YOUTH ARTS & MUSIC CENTER TO DEVELOP A LIBRARY ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE JOHN & MARCIA GOLDMAN FOUNDATION AT BAY ROAD AND PULGAS AVENUE IN EAST PALO ALTO**

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**WHEREAS**, the East Palo Alto Library, located in 8,356 square feet of space in the County Office Building on University Road in East Palo Alto, has over 170,000 visitors annually, who borrowed approximately 82,000 books and other library materials last year; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo County Libraries Joint Powers Authority, of which the City of East Palo Alto is a member, has been working with Fog Studio, an architectural firm, to develop potential expansion and improvement opportunities for the East Palo Alto Library because library facilities serving cities with populations similar to East Palo Alto typically range from 20,000 to 26,000 square feet in size, and

**WHEREAS**, there is a critical need for additional library space in East Palo Alto and the architects retained to consider expansion opportunities at the University Road facility have determined there are no viable expansion options at the existing location; and

**WHEREAS**, the John & Marcia Goldman Foundation is developing a Youth Arts and Music Center in East Palo Alto on a three acre site at Bay Road and Pulgas

Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the John & Marcia Goldman Foundation has determined that it may not require all three acres of the site for the Youth Arts and Music Center project and is interested in talking with potential development partners; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board believes that a library and the Youth Music and Arts Center would be very complimentary facilities with the potential to share spaces and coordinate programming; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of East Palo Alto and the Chairperson of the Library Governing Board have both signed a letter to the Executive Director of the John & Marcia Goldman Foundation expressing interest in exploring a partnership for the development of a new East Palo Alto Library adjacent to the Youth Music and Arts Center on the property at Bay Road and Pulgas Avenue.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors directs the President of the Board to sign and cause to be delivered the letter of interest to the John & Marcia Goldman Foundation, a copy of which is enclosed with the staff report accompanying this resolution.

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