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City of Newport Beach
Board of Library Trustees
c/o Tim Hetherton
1000 Avocado Avenue
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Dear Trustees:

The Friends of the Corona del Mar Library Board requests that the Board of Library Trustees agendaize and re-state support for the rebuilding of the Corona del Mar Library and Fire Station. We hope that this support would state specifically that the Trustees request that the budgeted amounts from last year's Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") be re-budgeted in full in the FY2017/18 budget.

We understand from the recent City Council study sessions that the City's budgeting process is well underway. The City Council addressed the Facilities Financing Plan three meetings ago, which was followed by the City's Finance Committee's discussion of that same plan. Last night's City Council meeting addressed the CIP. At all three meetings, Council Member O'Neill addressed specifically the Corona del Mar Library and Fire Station and expressed his support for moving the project forward faster than the initial five-year recommendation. We agree and hope that you do as well for the following reasons.

First of all, this project is much further along than most of the other projects which have been "shelved". Significant public money has already been spent on staff time and architectural drawings. Additional public money will be spent on short-term fixes.

Secondly, the amount of time and energy spent by staff, Trustees, Council Members and citizens is very significant. This momentum has been due to extraordinary cooperation by all involved. It serves as an example of how obtaining buy-in from all parties results in a better overall project.

Thirdly, if these funds are not preserved and grown, it will be like starting over to align all segments of this partnership. This money was already approved for this project and any additional funds needed can come out of future budgets and fund raising efforts.

And fourth, by delaying all these projects we end up with much greater budgets for facilities than we will be able to accomplish in any timely manner. By preserving these funds and moving forward, we set the stage for gradual and orderly redevelopment of aging and unsafe facilities in our community.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please call us at (949) 200-9993 if we can be of any further assistance in moving this project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joy Brenner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Joy Brenner
Chair, Friends of the CdM Library Board