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County of Nevada
Board of Supervisors
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DATE OF MEETING: January 26, 2016

SUBJECT: Letter of support for the Friends of the Truckee Library in its efforts to obtain a larger Truckee library facility.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the letter.

FUNDING: None.

BACKGROUND:

The Friends of the Truckee Library is an incorporated, non-profit grassroots organization whose volunteer members advocate, educate, and raise funds on behalf of the library, its patrons, and the entire Truckee community. Among its many activities, the Truckee Friends have been instrumental in gaining voter approval on the previous two sales tax measures that provide critical ongoing revenue for library operations countywide.

As the Truckee library's service area continues to grow in population, the Truckee Friends and local library supporters see a need for a larger facility to serve the community. The Truckee library is approximately 4,600 square feet in size, which on a per-capita basis is small in relation to library square footage in the west-county region and in relation to annual local patronage of 60-65,000 visitors.

To initiate planning for a new library, the Friends financed a feasibility study that identified a preferred operational model, and they also financed a comprehensive needs assessment which indicates that to meet modern library standards and anticipated demand as the town of Truckee builds out, a library upwards of three to four times its current size might be necessary. The Friends subsequently received pro-bono services from JK Architecture Partnership to estimate potential land requirements and construction costs, and also obtained an estimate of operating costs for an expanded facility.

The Friends are now preparing to embark on a fundraising campaign to finance a new library for the east-county service area, and an expression of support from the County, as our Board has done for Penn Valley, would strengthen their fundraising efforts and enhance community support for County library services. Therefore, I request you approve the attached letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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