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REPORT TO BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

SUBJECT

Board Development and Engagement

COUNCIL PILLAR

Enhance Community Engagement and Transparency

BACKGROUND

During the October 4, 2021 Board of Library Trustees meeting, the Board established a goal to better define its role and become more effective in its advocacy for the Library. To facilitate this aim, a discussion of board development and engagement opportunities will be added to the agenda on a regular basis.

DISCUSSION

The Board will review and discuss Article 10, Section 1013 of the Santa Clara City Charter - Board of Library Trustees Powers and Duties.

This section states:

“The Board of Library Trustees shall have charge of the administration of the Santa Clara Free Public Library and shall have power and be required to:

(a) Make and enforce such by-laws, rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the administration and protection of the City library;

(b) Approve or disapprove the appointment of a librarian who shall be the department head;

(c) Accept into the library fund and administer money, personal property or real estate donated to the

City or otherwise acquired for library purposes subject to the approval of the City Council;

(d) Contract with school, county or other governmental agencies to render or receive library services or facilities, subject to the approval of the City Council. (Amended by electors at an election held March 7, 2000, Charter Chapter 11 of the State Statutes of 2000)”

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RECOMMENDATION

No recommendation for this item.

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