

- **TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers
- **FROM:** Daniel Singer, City Manager
- **CONTACT:** Deborah Constantino, City Clerk
- **SUBJECT:** Santa Barbara County Library Advisory Committee Appointee

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Ms. Debbie Aceves to serve as the City of Goleta representative on the Santa Barbara County Library Advisory Committee for the remainder of the current one-year term (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009).

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Supervisors created a county-wide Library Advisory Committee so that representatives of communities with libraries operating as part of the regional free library system could meet quarterly to discuss issues of mutual concern. The Board determined that each contracting city may nominate one citizen from that community to serve as a member to the Committee. The term limits are one-year, beginning on July 1 and ending June 30 of the following year.

The Library Advisory Committee meets periodically to review services and operations, and to make advisory recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and contracting cities. The meetings are held quarterly on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2008 at the new City of Santa Maria Library.

DISCUSSION:

On June 18, 2007, the City Council unanimously reappointed James R. Downing to serve a one-year term on the Santa Barbara County Library Advisory Committee (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008). To date, Mr. Downing has served over four years on the Committee.

As Mr. Downing's 2007-08 term drew to a close, he notified staff that he would not seek reappointment to the Committee for an additional term, though he would remain in the post until a new appointee was identified. Staff proceeded to publish notices in the Goleta Valley Voice and the Santa Barbara News Press inviting the public to submit

applications for the vacancy on the Committee. Notices were also posted at the Goleta Union School District, the Goleta Valley Branch Library, the Goleta Valley Community Center, City Hall, and on the City of Goleta Channel 19 scroll.

No applications were received throughout the recruitment process until recently. On August 14, 2008 staff received an application from Debbie Aceves (on file in the City Clerk's office) expressing her desire to serve as the City of Goleta's representative to the Santa Barbara County Library Advisory Committee.

At this time, City staff is recommending that Council appoint Ms. Aceves to the Library Advisory Committee as the City of Goleta's representative for the remainder of the current term.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this agenda item.

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