

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: September 8, 2009
Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Request by Albany Library Board to address staffing levels with the Alameda County Library

REPORT BY: Beth Pollard, City Administrator

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct staff to review and discuss staffing levels and fulfillment of contract provisions with the Alameda County Library.

BACKGROUND

The Albany Library is a part of the Alameda County Library system. Funds to support the library are derived from property taxes, County Library funds, and special City parcel taxes designed for Library services. The City contracts with the County Library annually for services in exchange for payment of the special tax revenue, with the current agreement providing for 41 open hours and designated children's services

The Albany Library Board has written to the City Council expressing concern over the vacancies of two professional Librarian positions, including that of the Children's Librarian. The Board has asked the City Council to direct staff to work with the Alameda County Library to assure that all current and future vacancies are filled as quickly as possible.

DISCUSSION

At the direction of Council, staff will approach Alameda County about plans and options related to the vacancies and the maintenance of library services in accordance with the City-County agreement.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Use of staff time.

Attachment

Letter from Albany Library Board Chair, July 29, 2009