

Resolution 18-05-04:
Library Board of Trustees
North Olympic Library System

**Establishing the intentions of the NOLS Board
with regard to creation of a Sequim Capital Facilities Area
and issuance of bonds to finance construction of a new library**

Whereas, for approximately 20 years there has been an acknowledged need for a larger, updated branch library facility to serve the Sequim / Dungeness Valley area; and

Whereas, over the years, a number of different library committees, advisory committees, and community groups have proposed potential solutions to the problem of the undersized and outdated Sequim Branch, and for one reason and another such explorations have never previously evolved into a viable project; and

Whereas, the community as a whole has, therefore, never had the opportunity to respond to a fully developed proposal for an expanded and updated Library; and

Whereas, the North Olympic Library System has now completed an extensive planning project for a larger Sequim Branch Library, and

Whereas, during project planning, considerable effort and due diligence has been made to include the Community in the planning discussion and design process, in order to define a new library that meets the Community vision; and

Whereas, the cost of developing a new library to replace the existing Sequim Branch Library can most fairly be paid by those residents of the area to be served by the new Sequim Branch Library through the establishment of a library capital facility area and issuance of bonds to finance the construction, furnishing and equipping of the new Sequim Branch Library; and

Whereas, cost estimates for the resulting design have been professionally developed, and the estimated total costs for the project are approximately \$13,400,000; and

Whereas, the amount of \$12,400,000 has been identified by the Board Finance Committee as the portion of the project costs for which bonds should be issued, with the additional required funding to be provided by NOLS and from other resources; and

Whereas, the Public Library is a quintessentially democratic institution, and believes in and supports the right of citizens to utilize legally provided mechanisms to determine taxing issues; and

Whereas, the NOLS Board strongly feels a professional responsibility and public obligation to allow voters to express their opinion regarding support for capital expansion of the Sequim Branch Library through a taxing measure; and

Whereas, the Library Capital Facilities Area (RCW 27.15) is the method that Washington State law provides for asking community members whether they wish to support a public library capital improvement project through property tax funding; and

Whereas, there are a number of legal documents that must be drafted, executed, and coordinated with the City of Sequim, in order to place LCFA measures on the November 2018 ballot, and

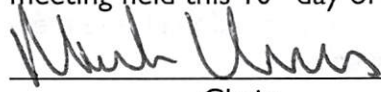
Whereas the legal documents are not fully finalized at this time, and

Whereas, it would be beneficial to public process and clear communication for the intentions of the NOLS Board with regard to the Sequim Branch capital project to be confirmed as soon as possible.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the North Olympic Library System:

1. The Board hereby confirms their desire to allow voters the opportunity to express their opinion regarding tax support for construction of a new Sequim Branch library; and
2. The Board hereby confirms their intention to request the Board of Clallam County Commissioners to place ballot measures before the voters in the November 2018 election that will create and fund a Sequim Capital Facility Area to finance a new library in Sequim; and
3. That the bond amount presented for approval will be up to \$12,400,000 in general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and
4. The Library Director is therefore instructed to continue working with legal counsel, and with the City of Sequim, to complete the required legal documents; and
5. That the required legal documents be presented to the NOLS Board for formal approval at their regular meeting on May 24, 2018.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the North Olympic Library System at the special meeting held this 10th day of May 2018.



Chair



Trustee



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Attested by:



Secretary to the Board