



November 7, 2023

Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Subject: Reappointment of Mary Rees for Term Effective November 20, 2023, and ending November 19, 2025, and Reappointment of Marty Robinson for a Term Effective November 20, 2023, and ending November 19, 2025, to the Ventura County Library Foundation Board of Directors**

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that your Board approve the reappointment of Mary Rees for term effective November 20, 2023, and ending November 19, 2025, and the reappointment of Marty Robinson for a term effective November 20, 2023, and ending November 19, 2025, to the Ventura County Library Foundation Board of Directors.

**Discussion:**

On November 13, 2012, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors authorized the formation of the Ventura County Library Foundation (VCLF). On October 22, 2013, Marty Robinson and Michael Silacci were appointed as members of the Board of Directors of VCLF. Kate Larsen replaced Mike Silacci as an appointee on November 19, 2019, and Marty Robinson was reappointed. Those terms for Kate Larsen and Marty Robinson ended November 18, 2021. At that time, Marty Robinson was reappointed by your Board, and Mary Rees was appointed, both for two-year terms ending on November 19, 2023.

Per the Articles of Incorporation, in forming the VCLF, the Board of Directors is required to be designated, appointed, selected or elected as follows:

- A. Ventura County Library Director, or the Ventura County Library Director's designee currently employed with the Ventura County Library System, shall be designated as a member of the Board (Designated Director).
- B. The Ventura County Board of Supervisors shall appoint two members of the Board from amongst the residents of Ventura County (Appointed Directors).**
- C. The Designated and Appointed Directors shall select two Directors from among the "Friends of the Library" groups' Boards of Directors within the Ventura County Library System (Selected Directors).
- D. The remaining authorized number of Directors [between five and twenty-five], other than the Designated Directors, Appointed Directors, and the Selected Directors, shall be

elected upon two-third approval of Directors at a meeting in which a quorum is present (Elected Directors).

Today, we are recommending the reappointment of Marty Robinson as an Appointed Director to the VCLF Board for a term ending November 19, 2025. Ms. Robinson, former Ventura County Executive Officer, has a long history of serving her community on numerous Boards and Foundations and would continue to be a great asset to the Foundation Board. During her time on the VCLF Board, Ms. Robinson has helped to set up the Foundation as a 501(c)(3) entity as well as accepted over \$100,000 in donations for the Foundation's first project: funding a bookmobile to serve as a mobile library education and technology center. Ms. Robinson is also instrumental in establishing the Foundation's major annual fundraising event, the Rising From the Ashes tour of homes that have been rebuilt after the Thomas Fire. This event raised over \$30,000 for the Foundation in 2022 alone.

We are also recommending the reappointment of Mary Rees as an Appointed Director to the VCLF Board for a term effective November 20, 2023, ending November 19, 2025. Ms. Rees is retired as Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at Moorpark College and is currently serving as the Vice Chair on the VCLF Board. She has been key in coordinating the first annual Ventura County Celebration of Books, another Foundation fundraiser, as well as securing significant donations to the Foundation.

The mission of the Ventura County Library Foundation is to enhance countywide access to quality library services, materials, and programming for children and adults by securing funding and other resources from private and public donors. This mission aligns with the County Mission as it provides a pathway for all residents to have the opportunity to improve their quality of life while enjoying the benefits of a safe, healthy, and vibrant community. Ventura County Library services offer lifelong learning opportunities and access to information, technology, and facilities in support of multiple County Strategic Priorities including lifting up the most vulnerable and promoting healthy, safe, and resilient communities.

This board letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, and the Auditor-Controller's Office.



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