



CITY OF HAYWARD AGENDA REPORT

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WORKSESSION ITEM WS # 2

TO: Mayor and City Council

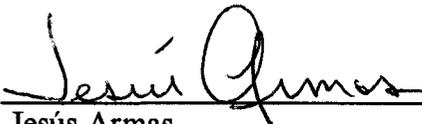
FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: LIBRARY SERVICES

At the first City Council meeting in November, following the election concerning Measure A, Councilmember Ron Hulteen requested that the matter of library services be placed on a future worksession agenda for discussion. At that time, it was reported that due to the press of other business and the upcoming holidays, it would be January before this could occur. At the same Council meeting, others voiced concern that the issue of library services not be viewed in isolation, but rather in the context of the full array of City services and demand on City resources.

Given the comments expressed that evening, it would be my suggestion that during this worksession the Council focus on identifying information it would like staff to develop for you to consider at a later date. For example, are there specific changes in service levels that are of particular interest to you?

In my opinion, it would be premature to provide any direction regarding any changes which will have an impact on the City budget. Instead, that type of direction should be deferred until next month, since the mid-year budget review is scheduled for Saturday, February 14, and the overall demand on City resources can be considered at that time. For that meeting, staff will develop information relative to the City's current financial condition and offer financial projections for fiscal year 1998-99. And as has been the practice the past few years, the Council will have an opportunity to provide direction to staff regarding priorities for the new budget year.



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