

# CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

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MEETING DATE: November 16, 2023

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REQUEST: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE INLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM, A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY COOPERATIVE, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Petition the Administrative Council of the Inland Library System (ILS) a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) library cooperative, to join as a member effective July 1, 2024.
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING TO JOIN THE INLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM, A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY LIBRARY COOPERATIVE, AS OF JULY 1, 2024."
3. Authorize the City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the agreement.
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

ILS was formed as a JPA in 1977 to improve and coordinate the public library functions of the libraries located in Riverside, San Bernardino, and Inyo counties. It is one of nine library cooperatives across the State of California. These cooperatives serve as a pipeline to the California State Library (CSL), through which all State funding for libraries flow and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through which all federal funding flow.

Activities the cooperative may perform include:

- Coordination of some customer services aspects, including
  - Delivery between library outlets;
  - Provision for inter-availability of collections among all library outlets;
  - Provision for in-service training;
  - Guidance in adult, young adult, and children's services through workshops and similar programs;
- Public relations;
- Applications and contracts for grants from public or private entities;
- Coordination of book orders and periodical subscriptions as feasible; and
- Other cooperative library projects as recommended by a majority of the members.

Once established as a municipal library on July 1, 2024, The City of Palm Desert, based on current year financials, will receive approximately \$2,384 in CSL funds that may be used toward shared eResources. This will be in addition to other benefits as described above, along with any additional funds or services the California State Library will bestow in the future.

## **Legal Review:**

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Funds are available in Account No. 2524662-4363000 for this purpose. The first-year dues is anticipated to be \$557. Dues vary annually based on population and may also be adjusted based on a service increase. This said, the dues rate has not increased over the last 5 years. Membership may have a positive financial impact as it will allow the City to receive State grant funds through ILS, participate in limited free e-resource sharing, and have access to delivery services between member library outlets.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. City of Palm Desert Resolution
2. ILS JPA Agreement, dated June 28, 1977
3. ILS legal opinion on new members, October 9, 1997
4. ILS Bylaws dated, May 20, 2021