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Cc: LARA WEISIGER; Jane Chisaki; Jill Keimach
Subject: Support for Library's Budget Proposal

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The Friends of the Alameda Free Library urges your support for the Library's budget proposal. While no new funds are requested from the City's General Fund, the Library plans to extend hours at each of the neighborhood libraries, restoring service to five open days per week and to replace and upgrade the technology in computer lab in FY17-18, as well as replacing and upgrading some public staff workstations in FY18-19. . Alamedans rely upon the library for reading, schoolwork assignments, meeting spaces, educational and literacy programs. The upgrades and expanded service hours will significantly benefit Alameda residents.

As you consider budget items for other departments we strongly urge your support for wireless connectivity or stronger cell phone service at Alameda Point. Our very successful semi-annual booksales are held at the OClub. Currently, we can only accept cash payment. Today, many people rely on credit and debit cards. Without wireless connectivity or cell phone coverage we are unable to offer this service, losing potential sales. This is a high priority for our organization.

The Friends of the Alameda Free Library raises funds through community activities for special library programs to augment funds allocated by the City. As we plan for the future we are looking forward to working with the City and community on a branch library at Alameda Point.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Alameda Free Library and endorsing the 2017/18 budget submitted by Library Director Jane Chisaki.

Karen Butter
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From: alice fried <alicefried89@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 5:16 PM
To: Trish Spencer; Marilyn Ashcraft; Jim Oddie; vella@alamedaca.gov; Frank Matarrese
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Subject: Support for City Clerk's budget

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The League of Women Voters Alameda requests your support for the City Clerk's budget request for a new public database for online reporting of California Fair Political Practices Commission (FFPC) data. The availability of this database greatly contributes to transparency in government by streamlining the process to view election financial reporting. The League has tried to use the current system provided by the City Clerk's office, but it is extremely time consuming to collect the data.

We understand that the City Clerk's office is not requesting additional funds to install and maintain the database. We urge you to support her budget proposal.

Alice Fried,
President, League of Women Voters Alameda

cc: Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
Elana Adair, Finance Director