

Council Meeting of
September 16, 2008

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Community Services-Library Division – Purchase of new earthquake-braced shelving for the branch libraries

Expenditure: \$390,693.42 plus 5% contingency of \$19,534.67

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the City Council authorize the purchase of new earthquake-braced shelving for the five (5) branch libraries from Yamada Enterprises of Huntington Beach, California, in the amount of \$390,693.42 plus a 5% contingency of \$19,534.67.

Funding

Funding is available in FEAP 623 – Branch Libraries-Replace Stacks.

BACKGROUND

The current stacks and shelving in all five of the Torrance branch libraries (El Retiro, Henderson, North Torrance, Southeast, and Walteria) do not meet California seismic standards. Their replacement with new seismically-safe shelving will help mitigate the potential hazard of the stacks falling during significant movement.

The current shelving is also inadequate to contain the branches' collections, nor can it be earthquake-braced due to the nature of its construction. The Library wants to install Montiel Aetnastak Steel Library Bookstacks, which is the same shelving that was installed on the upper and lower levels of the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library during the recent remodels of those two floors. This will allow the interchange and substitution of shelving components in all six library facilities, if required, for maximum flexibility.

The Branch Library Project also includes the installation of new carpeting and the replacement of electrical infrastructure, the funding for which was previously approved by the Council.

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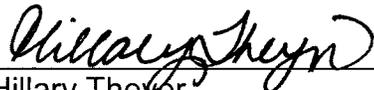
“(a) The provisions of this Article shall not apply to purchases of sole-source services or property, which purchases shall be made in accordance with such procedures and regulations as shall be established by the City Manager.

(b) For purposes of this Section, “sole-source purchases” shall mean those purchases where it would be undesirable or impossible for the City to advertise for bids for particular work or for patented items, or experimental or unique services or products, or where competitive purchases would be unavailable or would not prove advantageous for the City. No sole-source purchases shall be made where to do so would show favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud or corruption, or result in the waste of public funds, but shall be used only to obtain the best economic result for the public.”

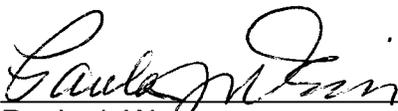
Yamada Enterprises is offering pricing which results in a 61% discount; they are the only company in Southern California that carries the Montiel Aetnastak Steel Library Bookstacks brand.

Respectfully submitted,

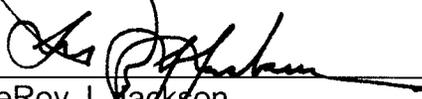
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COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

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City Librarian


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