

Legislation Text

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Report regarding a resolution authorizing the acceptance of materials and services valued at \$2,000 from the California Center for the Book to support Library participation in the 2019 Book to Action program. (*Valerie Sommer, Library Director*)

# **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of materials and services valued at \$2,000 from the California Center for the Book to support Library participation in the 2019 Book to Action program.

# BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Library has partnered with the San Mateo County Office of Sustainability, the South San Francisco Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee ("SSF BPAC"), and the Parks & Recreation Department to apply for a Book to Action grant to facilitate learning and discovery of sustainable transportation choices.

Book to Action is a program framework that takes the basic book club concept and expands it to create a dynamic series of events for adults and multigenerational groups. Community members read and discuss an engaging book on a current topic, attend author or speaker events, and put their new-found knowledge into action by participating in a community service project or civic engagement activity related to the book.

The Library has selected *A Hole in the Wind: A Climate Scientist's Bicycle Journey Across the United States* by David Goodrich as the community read. The Library will receive approximately \$1,000 worth of copies of the book to be distributed to the public and is negotiating to have Mr. Goodrich provide a presentation. Through our partnership with the Office of Sustainability, the Library will also host a community-led Fixit Clinic. Working with the SSF BPAC "Learn to Ride" bike safety classes and a "critical mass" cycling tour of the City's Centennial Way Trail will be held. Additionally, a series of programs will be held on topics such as South City Shuttle, Meet the SSF BPAC, Lime Bikes, and a panel discussion on climate change.

# FISCAL IMPACT

All material purchases and speaker fees will be paid directly by the California Center for the Book. Receipt of this grant does not commit the City to ongoing funding.

# CONCLUSION

Receipt of these materials and services will enable the Library to participate in the California Center for the Book's 2019 Book to Action program and provide opportunities for the community to increase their knowledge of sustainable transportation. It is recommended that the City Council accept a grant of materials and services valued at \$2,000 from the California Center for the Book.