AGENDA
BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2013

FAIRFAX BRANCH LIBRARY
161 S. GARDNER STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90036

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

AGENDA: In compliance with Government Code Section 54957.5, you may view the agenda and all available documents related to the items at the Central Library's Information Desk or via the Internet at: http://www.lapl.org/about/blc_docs.html.

RULES OF DECORUM: Persons addressing the Commission shall not make impertinent, slanderous or profane remarks to the Commission, any member of the Commission, staff or general public, nor utter loud, threatening, personal or abusive language, nor engage in any other disorderly conduct that disrupts or disturbs the orderly conduct of any Commission Meeting and prevents the Commission from carrying out its public business. At the discretion of the Commission President or upon a majority vote of the Commission, the Commission President may order removed from the Commission meeting place any person who fails to observe the rules of decorum. Any person who has been ordered removed from a meeting may be charged with a violation of Penal Code Section 403, or other appropriate Penal Code or Los Angeles Municipal Code sections.

1. ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: 5/9/13

3. CONTINUE APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: 6/13/2013

4. REMARKS BY THE HOLLYWOOD AREA MANAGER AND THE FAIRFAX BRANCH SENIOR LIBRARIAN

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION

(In accordance with Board Policy, a total of 15 minutes shall be allocated for public comment not to exceed three (3) minutes per speaker. Items arising during the public comment portion of the meeting shall be referred by the President to the staff or Board Committee for appropriate action or report back thereon to the Board.)

6. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORTS

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Commissioners who wish to discuss particular items should ask that such items be called as Special. The remaining items will be subject to a single vote.)

a. RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT ANNENBERG FOUNDATION (EXHIBIT "A") GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF $100,000 TO BE DEPOSITED INTO LIBRARY TRUST FUND 831, ACCOUNT NO. 295, ANNENBERG FOUNDATION GRANT, TO ENHANCE THE WORK OF THE LIBRARY
b. RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT LIBRARY SERVICES TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA) GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF $77,000 FOR THE CREATION OF THE "FULL STEAM AHEAD" PROJECT (EXHIBIT "B")

BOARD DISCUSSION

c. RECOMMENDATION TO INITIATE THE PROCESS TO CONSIDER DEDICATION OF FAIRFAX BRANCH LIBRARY IN RECOGNITION OF GRACE FRIEDMAN, IN ACCORDANCE TO BOARD POLICY 1:312 (EXHIBIT "C")

d. ORAL PRESENTATION: FRANCES HOWARD GOLDWYN-HOLLYWOOD REGIONAL BRANCH LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ROOM CONTAINING BOOKS, UNPUBLISHED SCRIPTS AND PRODUCTION FILES REPRESENTING THE HOLLYWOOD FILM, TELEVISION, AND PERFORMING ARTS INDUSTRIES

7. VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

8. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REVIEW OF MATTERS PENDING

9. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT BOARD MEETING NOTICE

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2013, AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY, 630 WEST FIFTH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90071, CONVENING AT 11:00 A.M.

FINALIZATION OF BOARD ACTIONS - CHARTER SECTION 245: In accordance with Charter Section 245, actions of the Board of Library Commissioners shall become final at the expiration of the next five (5) meeting days of the City Council during which the Council has convened in regular session.

PARKING: Reduced parking rate validation can be obtained by showing your library card at the Information Desk, and is only valid for parking on the Westlawn Garage at 524 S. Flower Street. The Westlawn Garage is not owned or operated by the Library Department. Additional information is available at www.lapl.org.

TITLE II OF THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT: the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Please contact the Board Office at (213) 228-7530 within 72 hours of the meeting.

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: LIBRARY COMMISSION OFFICE (213) 228-7530
LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT

June 27, 2013

TO: Board of Library Commissioners
FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian
SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF ANNENBERG FOUNDATION GRANT FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Library Commissioners adopts the following resolution:

RESOLVED, To accept a grant in the amount of $100,000 from the Annenberg Foundation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the funds be deposited into the Library Trust Fund 831, Account No. 295, entitled "Annenberg Foundation Grant."

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President of the Board of Library Commissioners be authorized to execute the Grant Agreement to authorize the acceptance of the funds.

FINDINGS:

1. The $100,000 will be used to provide a discretionary fund for the City Librarian to draw upon to fund special needs, projects, and opportunities in order to enhance the work of the Library. Funds will be used solely for this purpose and no foundation director, employee or consultant may obtain any personal benefit as a result of the grant.

2. The grant period will begin upon receipt by the Annenberg Foundation of a fully executed Grant Agreement and will extend until December 31, 2014, at which time all grant funds, including any income derived therefrom, should be fully expended.

Prepared by: Kyle Millager, Business Manager

Reviewed by: Kris Morita, Assistant General Manager
TO: Board of Library Commissioners
FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian
SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA) GRANT FOR THE “FULL STEAM AHEAD” PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopts the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Commissioners approve acceptance of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant award for $77,000 for the creation of the “Full STEAM Ahead” Project; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Library Foundation of Los Angeles serve as the fiscal agent for this project.

FINDINGS:

1. The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants are Federal grants administered through the California State Library. These grants are for programs that provide targeted services to diverse populations. California’s LSTA goals include building 21st century skills and strengthening community connections.

2. The Los Angeles Public Library received notification that it was awarded a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant of $77,000 for “Full STEAM Ahead.” The “Full STEAM Ahead” project will offer fun, interactive, educational science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM)-based programming for kids and teens ages 8 to 13. The grant will be implemented in Central Library and 12 branch libraries in low-income communities. Grant funds will also go toward staff development on STEAM programming and support equipment. The goal of the project is to create an interest in and knowledge of STEAM-related topics in kids and teens. Additionally, the grant will provide programming support to help librarians present STEAM programs.

3. Funds requested in this grant are for a one-year period, 7/1/13 to 6/30/14. Grant payments are expected in July 2013.

Prepared by: Eva Mitnick, Coordinator of Children’s Services
Reviewed by: Kris Morita, Assistant General Manager
LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT

June 27, 2013

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: INITIATE THE PROCESS TO CONSIDER DEDICATION OF THE FAIRFAX BRANCH LIBRARY IN RECOGNITION OF GRACE FRIEDMAN

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Commissioners initiate in accordance with Board Policy 1:312, the process to consider dedicating the Fairfax Branch Library in recognition of Grace Friedman.

FINDINGS:

BACKGROUND

1. The Board of Library Commissioners has received letters from Members of Congress Janice Hahn, Adam B. Schiff and Henry A. Waxman, Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield, Councilmember Paul Koretz and the Association of Jewish Libraries of Southern California, as well as a resolution from the Friends of the Fairfax Branch Library requesting that the Fairfax Branch Library be dedicated to Grace Friedman.

2. Ms Friedman, who died August 17, 2012, was a long time member of the community and active at the branch. She volunteered for the library's Service to Shut-Ins program, bringing books to the elderly and served the Fairfax community as an election day volunteer, running a precinct for more than 25 years. She was the librarian at the Adat Ari El Religious School library for more than 30 years. She also served as the president of the Friends of the Fairfax Library for 30 years and ran the group's weekly book sale.
3. The criteria and procedure for recognition in branch facilities is stated in Board Policy 1:312 Recognition in Branch Facilities, which was revised in 2005:

To acknowledge citizen involvement and contributions to branch libraries, the Board of Library Commissioners may recognize individuals or organizations that have made substantial efforts or donations to enhance and improve library services in the Los Angeles Public Library:

A. The Board of Library Commissioners may dedicate a branch library in memory of an individual and approve the design and placement of a plaque within the library with the individual's name. Recommendations for the dedication of a branch library may be accepted and processed in accordance with the following requirements:

1. A written recommendation must be submitted to the Board of Library Commissioners to include a justification for the proposed dedication.

2. The justification shall include the person's prominent contributions to humanity, to the city, to the library, or to the community, and should demonstrate that the character and achievements of the individual set standards of excellence, served as a role model, and reflected the principles and ideals of American democracy, its diversity and plurality.

3. The recommendation shall be posted in the libraries and on the library Website for three months for review and the opportunity for comments by the public.

4. Library staff will evaluate the recommendation and community input in a report to the Board of Library Commissioners for its consideration of the request.

B. The Board of Library Commissioners may name a community meeting room or area of the branch in honor or in memory of an individual, and approve the design and the placement of a plaque with the individual's name. Recommendations for naming a community meeting room or area of the library may be accepted and processed in accordance with the procedures in 1:312 A above.

4. Library staff recommends initiating the process to consider dedication of the Fairfax Branch in recognition of Grace Friedman.

Prepared by: Cheryl Collins, Director of Branch Library Services

Reviewed by: Kris Morita, Assistant General Manager
Dear Ms. Collins,

Roy Stone asked me to send you the package of materials I have assembled regarding the renaming of the Fairfax Branch in honor of my mother, Grace Friedman. I have attached the following documents:

1. A resolution praising my mother from the Board of Library Commissioners from 1985!! This extraordinary document is exceptionally useful, since it helps verify a timeline that no single living person could conclusively confirm.

2. Letters from Congressmen Waxman and Schiff, and Assemblymember Blumenfield (who will soon be joining the City Council), grouped together in a single attachment. Henry Waxman represents the library; Adam Schiff's new district includes West Hollywood, many of whose residents are Fairfax Library patrons (especially the Fairfax High students).

3. A resolution of the Friends of the Fairfax Library, adopted at their October 9, 2012 meeting.

I have appended below a copy of the fact sheet that lays out the basis for this effort to honor my mother. I have added at the bottom some biographical info from my comments at her funeral.

I have not yet seen the Janice Hahn letter; I would greatly appreciate it if you could scan that and e-mail it to me at millstones@juno.com

If you have any questions, you can reach me on my cell phone at 310-666-3454.

Jonathan Friedman

Subject: Dedication of the Fairfax Branch Library in memory of Grace Friedman

Grace Friedman gave many decades of service to her branch library, and to her community. She exemplified the ideal of volunteerism, serving as both a volunteer and as a leader of volunteers. Her dedication and example warrant the naming of the Fairfax Branch Library in her memory.

For more than thirty years, Grace Friedman served as President of the Friends of the Fairfax Library, one of the most successful support organizations in the L. A. Public Library. She personally ran the weekly book sales, the Friends' principal fundraising vehicle. Her efforts produced programs that enriched the branch and the community. In addition, the Friends donated items that helped the branch operate more effectively.

Her efforts to enrich the community did not stop at the branch doors. For more than two decades she participated in Service to Shut-ins, a program that brings books to those who lack mobility. When the Central Library was damaged by fire in the early 1980's, she volunteered to help save the book collection and allow the library to resume operations.
As a professional librarian, she served for thirty-four years as the Religious School Librarian at Adat Ari El. She was a founding member of the Association of Jewish Libraries of Southern California, an organization that she served as President, and as a longtime Board Member.

Her dedication to serving her community extended well beyond libraries. For a quarter of a century she served in County and City elections as a precinct volunteer; during most of that time she was the precinct inspector, with supervisory responsibilities.

In all of these and other activities, Grace Friedman displayed an understanding of the crucial role of the volunteer in improving society. She exercised leadership by example; her personal commitment made her a role model for others. Dedicating the Fairfax Branch Library in her memory will send a message that devoted volunteers are truly appreciated.

**Biographical Supplement**

Grace Friedman was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1916. In 1934 her family moved to Los Angeles. Mom attended UCLA, and graduated in 1939; she was a very proud alumna.

In 1942, during a visit to her family in Detroit, she met my father, who was then a graduate student at the University of Michigan; they were married at the end of that year. After World War II, when my father served in Europe, he returned to Detroit to finish his Masters Degree. They returned to Los Angeles in 1948, and my mother lived here ever since.

After my father died suddenly in 1965, Mom went back to school to earn a Master of Library Science degree, turning her life-long love of books into her vocation. She graduated with her MLS degree from Immaculate Heart College in 1967. She worked briefly for other libraries, before beginning a more than 30 year career as the Religious School Librarian at Adat Ari El.

During this period, Mom was one of the founding members of the Association of Jewish Libraries of Southern California, a group she later served as President. The current President of that chapter said it best: "Throughout the years, Grace was at our meetings, events, and national AJL conventions. She helped whenever needed and cared deeply about Judaic librarianship."

The other organization about which Mom cared deeply was the Friends of the Fairfax Library, which she served as President for more than 30 years. She not only led that organization, but she also personally ran the regular Wednesday book sales. She told me the last time we talked that she could still remember the very first book sale.
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3 attachments

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Grace Friedman has been an outstanding and dedicated volunteer for the Service to Shut-Ins program for ten years; and

WHEREAS, as President of the Friends of the Fairfax Branch Library for four years, that group has grown under her leadership from two to over 100 members; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving her shut-ins she visits the sick and disabled regularly, collects money for the Cerebral Palsy Foundation and has been honored by them for her work; and

WHEREAS, she also volunteers with the FOCAL Book Sales at the Central Library every third Saturday:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Commissioners commends Grace Friedman for the countless hours of service to the library and sincerely hopes she will continue her work for many years to come.

October 22, 1985

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

RONALD S. LUSHING, President

MARTHA D. KATSUFRAKIS, Vice President

MARY LOU CRICHTON, Commissioner

SANFORD F. PARIS, Commissioner

FRANK W. TERRY, Commissioner
Board of Library Commissioners  
City of Los Angeles  
630 West 5th Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90071  

Dear Commissioners:  

I am writing to recommend that the Fairfax Branch Library in the City of Los Angeles be dedicated in the name of Grace Friedman.  

I had the honor of knowing Grace for more than 40 years. She embodied the definition of volunteer and was devoted to our city throughout her life.  

Grace was most well known for her passion and leadership for literature and libraries. For more than 30 years, Grace served as President of the Friends of the Fairfax Library, one of the most successful support organizations in the Los Angeles Public Library system. Under her leadership, membership grew significantly. In addition, Grace personally ran the weekly book sales, the Friends’ principal fundraising effort.  

Further, Grace participated in Service to Shut-ins, a program that brings books to those who are not able to visit a library. She visited disabled and ill residents throughout Los Angeles, bringing them reading materials they would not otherwise have access to.  

As a professional librarian, she served for 34 years as the Religious School Librarian at Adat Ari El. Grace was also a founding member of the Association of Jewish Libraries of Southern California. She served as President and was a longtime Board Member for the Association.  

27 years ago in 1985, your predecessors recognized Grace with a Resolution from the City of Los Angeles Board of Library Commissioners. I ask that you renew this recognition by dedicating the Fairfax Library in Grace Friedman’s name. I cannot imagine a more appropriate way to honor Grace’s incredible contributions to the City of Los Angeles.  

Sincerely,  

[Signature]  
HENRY A. WAXMAN  
Member of Congress
The Hon. Tom LaBonge  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 480  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  

Re: Dedication of the Fairfax Branch Library in memory of Grace Friedman  

Dear Councilmember LaBonge:  

I am writing to urge you to consider dedicating the Fairfax Branch Library located at 161 South Gardner Street, Los Angeles 90036 in memory of Grace Friedman.  

For more than three decades, Grace was a strong advocate and supporter of the Fairfax Library. As president of the Friends of the Fairfax Library for over thirty years, Grace personally ran the weekly book sales, the principal fundraising mechanism for the Friends of the Fairfax Library. Due to her steadfast commitment to the library, Friends of the Fairfax Library regularly donated much needed items and resources to the library.  

Community service was always at the top of Grace’s priorities as she served as a volunteer for elections and Service to Shut-ins, a program bringing library books to those who are unable to visit the library due to physical and medical limitations. In the 1980’s when the Los Angeles Central Library was damaged by a fire, Grace volunteered her time to help save the book collection and bring the library back to normal operation.  

Grace Friedman will always be remembered for her unwavering service and dedication to her community. It is appropriate that the Fairfax Branch Library be dedicated in honor of its greatest champion, Grace Friedman. I urge your positive consideration of this request.  

Sincerely,  

ADAM B. SCHIFF  
Member of Congress  

cc: Dr. Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi  
President, Los Angeles City Board of Library Commissioners
October 16, 2012

Board of Library Commissioners
City of Los Angeles
630 West 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to request that you name the Fairfax Branch Library in memory of Grace Friedman, a dedicated professional librarian and lifelong community volunteer who stands out as one whose life truly made a positive difference for others.

Grace Friedman’s devotion to the Fairfax Branch, and to the community at large, was an inspiration to all who knew her. She worked tirelessly on behalf of the Branch as head of the Friends of the Fairfax Library for more than three decades. Not only did she personally run the Friends’ weekly book sales, she also organized countless other volunteers to participate in the group’s activities. Their collective efforts, led by Grace, enabled the Branch to enhance the programs and services it provided to the public, and enriched the lives of library patrons on a daily basis.

Grace Friedman’s volunteer efforts extended beyond her support for the branch library. She was active in organizations such as Service to Shut-ins, and was a precinct volunteer for City and County elections for 25 years. She was a founding member of the Association of Jewish Libraries of Southern California, an organization for which she served as a Board Member and President.

Grace was a professional librarian who earned her Masters of Library Science degree in 1967. She served as librarian at the Adat Ari El Religious School, where she passed on her enthusiasm for books and learning to the hundreds of students she mentored in her 30 years there.

Grace believed strongly in the ethic of volunteerism, and she felt it was privilege to be able to give back to her community. She did not seek thanks or accolades for her decades of unwavering support for the Fairfax Library and other causes. She believed that the work was its
own reward. Naming the Branch for Grace Friedman is an honor she deserves for her years of service, and the outstanding example she set for others.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Blumenfield

BOB BLUMENFIELD
Assemblymember. 40th District
To: The Board of Library Commissioners

Subject: Dedication of the Fairfax Branch Library in memory of Grace Friedman

Whereas Grace Friedman served as President of the Friends of the Fairfax Library for more than thirty years and helped make it one of the most successful support organizations in the L. A. Public Library; and

Whereas she personally ran the weekly book sales, the Friends' principal fundraising vehicle. Her efforts produced programs that enriched the branch and the community. In addition, the Friends donated items that helped the branch operate more effectively; and

Whereas for more than three decades she participated in Service to Shut-ins, a program that brings books to those who lack mobility; and

Whereas when the Central Library was damaged by fire in the early 1980's, she volunteered to help save the book collection and allow the library to resume operations, and she also volunteered for many years at the FOCAL book sales at the Central Library; and

Whereas she served as a professional librarian for thirty-four years as the Religious School Librarian at Adat Ari El; and

Whereas she was a founding member of the Association of Jewish Libraries of Southern California, an organization that she served as President, and as a longtime Board Member; and

Whereas her dedication to serving her community extended well beyond libraries: for a quarter of a century she served in County and City elections as a precinct volunteer; during most of that time she was the precinct inspector, with supervisory responsibilities; and

Whereas in all of these and other activities, Grace Friedman displayed an understanding of the crucial role of the volunteer in improving society. She exercised leadership by example; her personal commitment made her a role model for others.

Therefore be it resolved that the Friends of the Fairfax Branch Library do hereby recommend and request that the Board of Library Commissioners designate the Fairfax Branch Library as the Grace Friedman Library.
The Board of Library Commissioners  
630 West 5th Street  
Los Angeles, California 90071

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to request your support for the naming of the Fairfax Branch Library in memory of Grace Friedman, a professional librarian and an extremely dedicated lifelong community volunteer on behalf of this branch and our City public library system. Grace was clearly one of our community’s most passionate boosters for the love of reading and particularly for the public’s access to books at this branch.

The Fairfax Branch is across the street from my district and serves Council District 5 residents immediately adjacent to the east, to the north and west of Fairfax Ave. It is likely that the majority of the patrons of this branch are residents of my district. As the Councilmember for much of this service area, I could not think of a more appropriate way to honor the memory of Grace who gave so much of herself to the patrons of this branch for over 30 years.

Grace Friedman served as President of the Friends of the Fairfax Library for more than thirty years, personally running the weekly book sales which have been the Friends’ principle fundraising vehicle. She also played a leadership role in getting donated items for the library and participated in the Service to Shutter program which brings books to those who lack mobility.

Grace also stepped forward in a time of crisis in the early 1980s when the Central Library was heavily damaged by fire. She volunteered to help save the book collection and allow the library to resume operations. Grace also served her community for twenty-five years as a County and City elections precinct volunteer and precinct inspector with supervisory responsibilities.

I hope for your support to name this branch in memory of Grace Friedman, an amazing human being whose record of volunteerism should serve as an inspiration for Fairfax Library patrons and volunteers for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Paul Koretz  
Councilmember, Fifth District
Association of Jewish Libraries
of Southern California
21860 Burbank Blvd. #100
Woodland Hills, California 91367

Board of Library Commissioners
City of Los Angeles

Dear Library Commissioners,

Please rename the Fairfax Branch Library after our librarian colleague of many years, Grace Friedman. Grace served diligently and loyally in her 34 year career as the Jewish Librarian for the Religious School of Synagogue Adat Ari El, encouraging students to increase their Jewish literacy. Grace belonged to the international Association of Jewish Libraries, AJL. She attended annual national meetings of AJL for many years, even after she retired, contributing her experience to debates on problems and policies. Grace served as president of and assumed many other officer/leadership positions on the board of our local AJL chapter, the Association of Jewish Libraries of Southern California, AJLSC. Grace was a willing helper as well as a leader. She participated in special events; she wrote for the chapter newsletter. Grace's caring, dedicated work for AJLSC culminated in her being awarded the 2003 Dorothy Schroeder Memorial Award "for tireless and outstanding dedication to Judaica Librarianship and the education of Judaica Librarians."

In addition to her professional librarian contributions, Grace found time to work tirelessly to promote her local public library, the Fairfax Branch. Her 30 plus years of efforts there, growing the Friends of the Library; aiding shut-ins, running book sales are renowned. Grace deserves to be recognized as an outstanding example of an effective, dedicated community volunteer.

Please rename the Fairfax library in memory of Grace Friedman.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ellen Cole
President, AJLSC
October 30, 2012

Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi
President
Board of Library Commissioners
630 West 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Dear Dr. Hirano-Nakanishi:

I understand that there is an effort underway requesting the Los Angeles Board of Library Commissioners to dedicate the Fairfax Branch Library in memory of Grace Friedman. I am writing in support of this effort.

Grace provided many decades of service to her branch library and to the community. She exemplified the ideals of volunteerism with her service and leadership. For more than thirty years, Grace Friedman served as President of the Friends of the Fairfax Library, one of the most successful support organizations in the L.A. Public Library System. She personally ran the weekly book sales, the Friends’ principal fundraising vehicle. Her efforts produced programs that enriched the branch and the community.

Her efforts to enrich the community did not stop at the branch doors. For more than two decades she participated in Service to Shut-ins, a program that brings books to those who lack mobility. When the Central Library was damaged by fire in the early 1980s, she helped save the book collection which allowed the library to resume operations. As a professional librarian, she served for thirty-four years as the Religious School Librarian at Adat Ari El. She was a founding member of the Association of Jewish Libraries of Southern California, an organization that she served as President, and as a longtime Board Member.

Her dedication to serving her community extended well beyond libraries. She exercised leadership by example; her personal commitment made her a role model for others. I strongly support dedicating the Fairfax Branch Library in her memory.

Sincerely,

Janice Hahn
Member of Congress
MATTERS PENDING
BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 27, 2013

SUBJECT

1. QUARTERLY COMPARATIVE STATISTICS REPORT ON SERVICES & GOALS
   SCHEDULED FOR BOARD MEETING
   PENDING

2. STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION
   PENDING

COMMISSIONERS’ OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY

Library Foundation of Los Angeles

- PRESIDENT MARSHA HIRANO-NAKANISHI
- VACANT

Board Policies

- PRESIDENT MARSHA HIRANO-NAKANISHI