

BEFORE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Adopting the Multnomah County Library Space Planning Framework.

The Multnomah County Library District (MCLD) Board Finds:

- a. Established in 1864, today's Multnomah County Library is one of the busiest, best and most beloved public library systems in the United States.
- b. The library offers a wide range of resources, services and personal assistance to people of all ages.
- c. The library commenced a space planning process in July 2016, engaging nearly 4,000 residents, community leaders, partner agencies, educators and nonprofits for input and carefully reviewed use patterns, demographic data and industry best practices.
- d. The physical structure of this system began in the Andrew Carnegie era, when libraries served vastly different purposes than today.
- e. Multnomah County Library's library spaces total just 260,000 square feet, a rate of just over 0.3 square feet per capita. Other Oregon library systems offer up to three times that amount per capita.
- f. All 19 Multnomah County libraries, plus library office and storage space, would fit into Seattle's downtown library.
- g. Growth projections show an increase of population to more than 910,000 in Multnomah County by 2035.
- h. Demographic data show increasing needs in east Portland and east Multnomah County, which offers just 25% of total library space, yet is home to 40% of residents.

The Multnomah County Library District Board Resolves:

- 1. Adopt the findings of Multnomah County Library Framework for Future Library Spaces, authored by Group 4 Architecture.
- 2. Envision a resulting system of libraries that provides modern and adequate spaces for people across Multnomah County.
- 3. Direct the implementation of the framework to include models for costs, funding, timelines and staging of projects to achieve the Framework's recommendations.

4. Seek development of a plan to provide space for Multnomah County residents at a rate of 0.6 to 0.8 square feet per capita.
5. Use a model to create equity in space allocation by focusing on creation of larger “destination libraries” in all Zones and a large “flagship library” in East County.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY
DISTRICT BOARD**

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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