

**CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY
LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA)
FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018
PITCH-AN-IDEA GRANT APPLICATION**

ELEMENT 1: BASIC INFORMATION (please see application instructions for additional information)

Applicant Information

1. Library/Organization

Sonoma County Library

617444930

3. Legal Business Name (must match name registered with Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN))

Sonoma County Library

4. Project Coordinator Name

Angelina Cacioppo

6. Email Address

acacioppo@sonoma.lib.ca.us

8. Mailing Address

211 E Street

City

Santa Rosa

State

CA

Zip

95404

5. Project Coordinator Title

Community Engagement Coordinator

7. Business Phone Number

(707) 545-0831 ext. 1510

Project Information

9. Project Title Together at the Table

10. LSTA Funds Requested \$25,000

11. Cash Match & In-Kind \$58,720

12. Total Project Cost \$83,720

13. California's LSTA Goals (Check one goal that best describes the project)

- Literate California
- 21st Century Skills
- 22nd Century Tools
- Content Creation/Preservation

- Bridging the Digital Divide
- Information Connections
- Community Connections
- Ensuring Library Access for All

14. Primary Audience for project (Select all that apply.)

- Adults
- Families
- Immigrants/Refugees
- Intergenerational Groups (Excluding Families)
- Library Staff, Volunteers and/or Trustees
- Low Income
- Non/Limited English Speaking Persons
- People with Disabilities
- People with Limited Functional Literacy

- Pre-School Children
- Rural Populations
- School Age Children
- Senior Citizens
- Statewide Public
- Suburban Populations
- Unemployed
- Urban Populations
- Young Adults and Teens

ELEMENT 2: PROJECT BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

Describe how this project was identified as a need, how it relates to your library's strategic plan, what will be accomplished if this project is implemented, and how you will know whether your project is successful. Summary should relate to activities in the timeline (Element 4) and include statistical information to support the project.

Sonoma County is home to just over 500,000 people and continues to grow and change (source: California Department of Finance DOF and the US Census). As the county evolves, the Sonoma County Library intends to realize its mission to bring information, ideas, and people together to build a stronger community. Utilizing this as our foundation, the Sonoma County Library proposes a new project for the library system titled: Together at the Table. Together at the Table is a civically-based and culturally developed project which would encourage and facilitate discussion of current issues and topics in the news through a combination of avenues: creation of intentional and physical community spaces for dialogue and reflection ; an in-house developed curriculum of materials related to each topic; and a series of events that would travel throughout the library system to encourage community members to listen and discuss different perspectives. The project title "Together at the Table" derives from Martin Luther King, Jr's "I Have a Dream" speech, "I have a dream that one day...sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood," inspiring our goal of bringing people together to discuss current civic and cultural topics which affect our community, state, and country. The 6 topics for this project series are: 1. Climate Change, 2. Immigration, 3. LGBTQI, 4. Blackness in America, 5. Income Inequality, and 6. Women's Health.

Sonoma County frequently sees these topics as headlines in the media and in the forefront of county agencies' priorities and areas of growth and understanding. According to a September 2016 Press Democrat article, public agencies across the county are preparing for an onset of extreme weather, which we've seen recently, driven by climate change. As of 2017, Sonoma County counts 20,000 undocumented immigrants as residents. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors has reaffirmed their support of these residents and its cities who consider themselves a "sanctuary city," including the county seat of Santa Rosa. Reports of increased fear on the side of illegal immigrants and opponents of "sanctuary cities" allows this issue to boil. Sonoma County has a history of supporting LGBTQ rights as shown in the 2008 election when 66.5% of voters voted against eliminating the right of same-sex couples to marry, versus the 47.7% statewide. Minority populations in Sonoma County are increasing rapidly: from 2005 to 2015 the Hispanic/Latino population has increased by 36% and the Black/African American by 8.7%. Following the 2013 death of 13-year old Andy Lopez by a Sonoma County Sheriff, Sonoma County is one of the many communities throughout America that has struggled with the aftermath of similar tragic events. Income disparities are becoming increasingly vast with White residents earning \$36,647 annually and Hispanic/Latinos earning \$21,695, a difference of over \$14,000 a year. Females currently represent 51% of the population in Sonoma County compared to 49% of males though make \$8,500 a year less than their male counterparts.

We read about these topics in our local newspaper, hear them discussed on the news and radio, and see neighbors discussing them on social media, however, there is currently no avenue to discuss them in a peaceful, affordable way in Sonoma County. The Library will provide this missed opportunity for residents by offering a space for those of varying political affiliations, opinions, race, gender, income, and sexual orientation, etc. to join us discussing and researching these topics. Using the Skokie Public Library's Civic Lab project as a model, we will provide information and thought-provoking community forums to engage dialogue on issues that affect our community. We anticipate this project increases understanding, empathy, and knowledge. We will include community partners from local organizations and agencies from throughout the county at each event. Each event will include a panel of experts in the field of the topics to provide factual information on each topic as it relates to Sonoma County, California, and the nation. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and panelists will provide answers and/or resources and tools to research the issue further. In addition to the in-person events, we will develop a civic-oriented curriculum identifying critical questions and providing suggested resources to further research topics. Available in our libraries and online, in both English and Spanish. the curriculum developed will set the standard for questions being raised and provide important key terms and resources on the topic for those interested to explore further. We will also provide a specific collection of materials, available at each branch including, but is not limited to, books, periodicals, articles, documentaries, CDs, DVDs, and etc. Introducing this process of civic engagement gives patrons an outlet to share their voice with elected officials on key issues. We understand and value the varying opinions of the public and intend to support their civic engagement by providing postcards and mailing information for them to express their opinions to local and state-wide decision-makers. Patrons can also share their ideas for topics they'd like to see in future years' Together at the Table series.

The project will be successful if participants increase understanding of each topic and the issues associated with it, dispel common misconceptions, have a positive dialogue, and increase their contacts with elected officials.

ELEMENT 3: PARTNERSHIPS

Please list all formal partners for your project here. Please attach (under Element 7) a copy of your signed agreement with each partner, which outlines the role the partner will play and the resources the partner will contribute.

Partner Name	Organization Type (see instructions for valid entries)	Legal Type (see instructions for valid entries)	Role on Project	Resources That Partner Will Contribute (materials/funds/staff)
Catholic Charities	Human Service Organization	Nonprofit	Community Supporter for Immigration Together at the Table topic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -staff participation in up to 2 community panel events -advise on immigration specific curriculum development -technical assistance on project evaluation
Center for Climate Protection	Environmental Organization	Nonprofit	Community Supporter for Climate Change Together at the Table topic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -staff participation in up to 2 community panel events -advise on climate change specific curriculum development -technical assistance on project evaluation
Positive Images	Human Service Organization	Nonprofit	Community Supporter for LGBTQI Together at the Table topic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -staff participation in up to 2 community panel events -advise on LGBTQI specific curriculum development -technical assistance on project evaluation
Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board	Human Service Organization	Local Government	Community Supporter for Income Inequality Together at the Table topic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -staff participation in up to 2 community panel events. -advise on Income Inequality specific curriculum development -technical assistance on project evaluation.
Sonoma State University, Women's and Gender Studies Department	College - University	Public University	Community Supporter for LGBTQI Together at the Table topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -staff participation in up to 2 community panel events -advise on LGBTQI specific curriculum development

				-technical assistance on project evaluation.
LGBTQ Connection	Human Service Organization	Nonprofit	Community Supporter for LGBTQI Together at the Table topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -staff participation in up to 2 community panel events -advise on LGBTQI curriculum development -technical assistance on project evaluation
Sonoma County NAACP	Human Service Organization	Nonprofit	Community Supporter for Blackness in America Together at the Table topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -staff participation in up to 2 community panel events -advise on Blackness in America curriculum development -technical assistance on project evaluation
Economic Development Board	Human Service Organization	Local Government	Community Supporter for Income Inequality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -staff participation in up to 2 community panel events -advise on income inequality curriculum development -technical assistance on project evaluation

ELEMENT 4: PLANNING AND EVALUATION

Please answer each area concisely and completely. For section A-F limit responses to four pages.

A. Project Intent (Check only one that best describes the project)

Lifelong Learning

- Improve users' formal education
- Improve users' general knowledge and skills

Information Access

- Improve users' ability to discover information
- Improve users' ability to obtain information resources

Institutional Capacity

- Improve the library workforce
- Improve the library's physical and technology infrastructure
- Improve library's operations

Economic & Employment Development

- Improve users' ability to use resources and apply information for employment support
- Improve users' ability to use and apply business resources

Human Services

- Improve users' ability to apply information that furthers their personal, family, or household finances
- Improve users' ability to apply information that furthers their personal or family health & wellness
- Improve users' ability to apply information that furthers their parenting and family skills

Civic engagement

- Improve users' ability to participate in their community
- Improve users' ability to participate in community conversation around topics of concern

B. Project Purpose – Short statement which answers the questions: we will do what, for whom, for what expected benefit(s).

The Sonoma County Library's "Together at the Table" is a civically-engaged project which will focus on 6 topics: 1. Climate Change, 2. Immigration, 3. LGBTQI, 4. Blackness in America, 5. Income Inequality, and 6. Women's Health. The "Together at the Table" project will include expert-led panel community events on each topic, increased collection, and curriculum providing thought provoking questions and material suggestions for additional research on each topic to increase knowledge, understanding and clear misconceptions around hot button issues.

C. Anticipated Project Outputs – Measures of services and/or products to be created/provided.

12 Expert-Lead Panel Community Events, 2 per topic (at least 1 event per branch)

6 topic-specific curriculum packets developed

6 pre-panel planning sessions with Library staff and community partners

6 panel training preparations to prepare for anticipated questions and content

At least 50 participants at each event (some community rooms only hold 50-60 people max.)

Up to 20,000 postcards mailed to elected officials from patrons

Approximately 720 new materials (books, DVDs, etc.) added to collection at 12 branches to support project

D. Anticipated Project Outcome(s) – What change is expected in the target audience's skills, knowledge, behavior, attitude, and/or status/life condition? How will you measure these outcomes? (for examples see attachment B of the application instructions)

80% of attendees at Together at the Table events will report an increase in their knowledge/understanding of the topic

75% of attendees will contact their local elected official to express their opinion on the topic discussed

80% of attendees will report an increase in understanding of local organizations/agencies providing resources on the topic including understanding each organization's mission, current goals, and priorities in the county for 2017-18.

25% of attendees will volunteer or provide community service in the field/topic presented to make a further impact in their community (as reported to SCL by each partner organization at follow-up meetings following the event).

65% of patrons who attend an event or complete research in the topic will check out material on the topic to further understanding (as tracked by SCL's materials management division).

To measure outcomes, we will develop post-surveys for all patrons who participate in the Together at the Table project (those who attended an event, checked out materials, and/or utilized the Together at the Table curriculum). These evaluations will gauge learning on the topic as well as provide an opportunity for patrons to suggest topics they'd like to see in future Together at the Table series.

E. Briefly describe how this project will be financially supported in the future.

The Sonoma County Library will continue the Together at the Table project series beyond the 2017-18 fiscal year through replicating the series activities including expert-led community events, developing topic-based curriculum and increasing collections around new, hot-button topics. We intend to involve the public in deciding each new topic in the Together at the Table series by providing in-person and online asking which new topics they'd like to see in the future. The Library will also maintain its role as an active community agency by participating with community groups such as Los Cien, Sonoma County's largest Latino leadership organization with a mission to support and bridge the gap between Hispanics/Latinos and the rest of the population in Sonoma County. Future series topics will be focused on discussing and supporting county priority areas set by the Sonoma County Supervisors and raised by residents, decision-makers, and community engagers.

F. Activity Information. Activities are action(s) through which the intent or objective of a project are accomplished. Four activity types have been identified, each with select methods to help you describe how you will carry out this project. Indicate activity types that require a significant commitment of resources to the project (representing 10% or more of total project resources).

1. **Instruction** - Involves an interaction for knowledge or skill transfer and how learning is delivered or experienced. (*Check all that apply and provide a description including whether the format will be in-person, virtual, or both*)
 - Program - Formal interaction and active user engagement (e.g., a class on computer skills).
 - Presentation - Formal interaction and passive user engagement (e.g., an author's talk),
 - Consultation - Informal interaction with an individual or group of individuals (library staff or other professional) who provide expert advice or reference services to individuals, units, or organizations.
 - Other

Description: The Together at the Table project will provide formal interaction for knowledge through the event series where experts in the field will provide information about a specific topic and allow participants to ask questions and clear misconceptions or confusion. This will also provide an opportunity for the organization/agency to share resources, tools, and other content that may be helpful to the inquirer to support their research in the topic.

2. **Content** - Involves the acquisition, development, or transfer of information and how information is made accessible. (*Check all that apply and provide a description including whether the format will be physical, digital, or both*)
 - Acquisition - Selecting, ordering, and receiving materials for library or archival collections by purchase, exchange, or gift, which may include budgeting and negotiating with outside agencies (i.e. publishers, vendors) to obtain resources. May also include procuring software or hardware for the purposes of storing and/or retrieving information or enabling the act of experiencing, manipulating, or otherwise interacting with an information resource.
 - Creation - Design or production of an information tool or resource (e.g., digital objects, curricula, manuals). Includes digitization or the process of converting data to digital format for processing by a computer.

- Description - Apply standardized descriptive information and/or apply such information in a standardized format to items or groups of items in a collection for purposes of intellectual control, organization, and retrieval.
- Lending - Provision of a library's resources and collections through the circulation of materials (general circulation, reserves). May also refer to the physical or electronic delivery of documents from a library collection to the residence or place of business of a library user, upon request.
- Preservation - Effort that extends the life or use life of a living or non-living collection, the individual items or entities included in a collection, or a structure, building or site by reducing the likelihood or speed of deterioration.
- Other

Description: The Sonoma County Library will purchase materials related to the Together at the Table topics to support participants' and others' research and education on the topic.

The Library will develop a curriculum series for all 6 topics which will be available in person at each branch as well as online.

3. **Planning & Evaluation** - Involves design, development, or assessment of operations, services, or resources and when information is collected, analyzed, and/or disseminated. (*Check all that apply and provide a description including whether the format will be in-house or third-party*)
- Retrospective - Research effort that involves historical assessments of the condition of a project, program, service, operation, resource and/or user group.
 - Prospective - Research effort that projects or forecasts a future condition of a project, program, service, operation, resource, and/or user group.

Description:

4. **Procurement** – May only be used for projects with an Institutional Capacity Intent. Acquiring or leasing facilities; purchasing equipment/supplies, hardware/software, or other materials (not content) that support general library infrastructure. (*Provide a description*)

Description:

ELEMENT 5: GRANT TIMELINE/ACTIVITIES

Show each major project activity and when it will be started and/or completed throughout the project. The timeline should correspond to the activities described in Planning and Evaluation. Please put an X in each pertaining month.

ELEMENT6: BUDGET

The budget should clearly identify the amounts requested and from what sources.

Budget Category	LSTA	Cash Match & In-Kind	Total
Salaries/Wages/Benefits			
Community Engagement Coordinator	\$0	\$19,432	\$19,432
Librarian IV	\$0	\$4,273	\$4,273
Events Specialist	\$0	\$15,548	\$15,548
Graphic Artist	\$0	\$1,794	\$1,794
e-Resources & Discovery Specialist	\$0	\$933	\$933
Librarian	\$0	\$1,400	\$1,400
Librarian Specialist	\$0	\$410	\$410
	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$0	\$43,790	\$43,790

Description: Community Engagement Coordinator: (0.25 FTE) 520 hours at \$37.37/ hour for overall project coordinator, planning, partner outreach, design of project concept, marketing & tracking participation & outcomes, grant reporting, organizing task force with representatives from each partner agency per topic to help advise & guide the project.

Librarian IV:(0.04 FTE) 85 hours at \$50.27/ hour for supporting project coordination, marketing, managing curriculum development, selecting books, & leading event outreach.

Events Coordinator: (0.25 FTE) 520 hours at \$29.90/ hour for planning support, scheduling the events, managing logistical arrangements & attending all events..

Graphic Artist: (0.02 FTE) 60 hours at \$29.90/hour for developing project logo, branding, creating print publicity, marketing materials, curriculum brand, & press materials.

e-Resources & Discovery Specialist: (0.01 FTE) 25 hours at \$37.37/hour for developing online publicity.

Librarian:(0.02 FTE) 48 hours at \$29.17/ hour for librarians contributing to the development of curriculum & facilitating branch displays. Librarian Specialist: (0.008 FTE) 18 hours at \$22.80/ hour for ordering, cataloging and processing books.

Consultant Fees			
10 Community Partner Organizations, 5 hours each @ average \$100/hr	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000

Description:

8 organizations will donate staff to participate in up to 2 community panel events, advise in their specific area of expertise on curriculum development for a particular topic, and provide technical assistance on project evaluation. For list of organizations, see Element 3, page 4.

2 organizations which were unable to be included in the form for Element 3 are the Peach & Justice Center of Sonoma County and the YWCA of Sonoma County; these will provide staff and expertise as indicated above. All letters of support from community partners are appended.

Budget Category	LSTA	Cash Match & In-Kind	Total
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description:

Supplies/Materials			
Postcards	\$2,101	\$0	\$2,101
Postage	\$6,800	\$0	\$6,800
Curriculum Materials	\$4,107	\$0	\$4,107
Marketing Displays	\$5,172	\$0	\$5,172
Marketing Materials	\$2,350	\$0	\$2,350
Books/DVDs/Collection Materials	\$4,470	\$9,930	\$14,400
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$25,000	\$9,930	\$34,930

Description: Postcards: 20,000 postcards needed for project (pack of 5,000: \$525.39) = \$2,101

Postage: Postcard Stamp \$0.34 x 20,000 postcards: \$6,800

Curriculum Materials: each topic will include multiple pages of content and a folder to keep materials and research in (5,000 folders: \$4,000 = paper: \$107) = 4,107. Folders will be available at events and in libraries.

Marketing Displays: [1] Curriculum Displays- 24x36 poster frame with pockets for curriculum (1 per branch -12 displays \$253.50 each + \$85 shipping) = \$3,127; [2] Banner Displays - retractable 33"x78" custom printed graphic banner (1 per branch =12 banner displays \$163.40 + \$85 shipping) = \$2,045, total = \$5,172

Marketing Materials: 25 posters (\$250), 3,000 bookmarks (\$1,500), and 6,000 brochures (\$600) advertising events/project= \$2,350

720 Books/Collection Materials (10 books x 6 topics x 12 branches) x approx. \$20 each = \$14,400 - LSTA funded (223 materials) \$4,470 + SCL purchased (496 materials) \$9,930

Budget Category	LSTA	Cash Match & In-Kind	Total
Equipment (\$5,000 or more per unit)	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description:

Services			
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description:

Project Total	\$25,000	\$58,720	\$83,720
Indirect Cost Rate Applied	0.0 % Indirect Cost	\$0	\$0

Check one:

No Indirect Federally negotiated indirect cost rate * Indirect proposed cost rate *

* please attach supporting documentation if required

Description:			
	Grand Total	\$25,000	\$58,720

ELEMENT 7: ATTACHMENTS

If you have additional resources that support your grant, please attach after this page

ELEMENT 8: INTERNET CERTIFICATION

Check the Appropriate Library Type

Public Library **Academic** **K-12** **Multi-Type** **Special/Other**

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant public library, public elementary school library or public secondary school library applying for LSTA funding, I hereby certify that the library is *(check only one of the following boxes)*

A. An individual applicant that is CIPA compliant.

The applicant library, as a public library, a public elementary school library or public secondary school library, has complied with the requirements of Section 9134(f)(1) of the Library Services and Technology Act.

B. Representing a group of applicants. Those applicants that are subject to CIPA requirements have certified they are CIPA compliant.

All public libraries, public elementary school libraries, and public secondary school libraries, participating in the application have complied with the requirements of Section 9134(f)(1) of the Library Services and Technology Act. The library submitting this application has collected Internet Safety Certifications from all other applicants who are subject to CIPA requirements. The library will keep these certifications on file with other application materials, and if awarded funds, with other project records.

C. Not Subject to CIPA Requirements.

The CIPA requirements do not apply because no funds made available under this LSTA grant program will be used to purchase computers used to access the Internet or to pay for direct costs associated with accessing the Internet.

SIGNATURE

I have read and support this LSTA Grant Application.

Sonoma County Library
Library/Organization

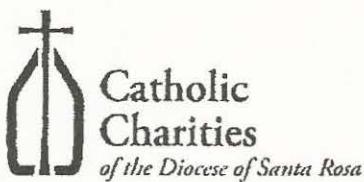
Together at the Table
Project Name

Tracy Gray
Library Director Name

Acting Library Director
Title

Library Director Signature

Date



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May 23, 2017

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Sonoma County Library
211 E Street
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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR "TOGETHER AT THE TABLE"

Dear Angelina,

This letter confirms that Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (CCDSR) support of Sonoma County Library's project "Together at the Table" for the fiscal year 2017-18.

CCDSR's mission is to respond to Christ's call to care for the most vulnerable, of all beliefs and cultures, transforming lives and communities through dignity, hope, and love. CCDSR have three key goals related to our Identity, Service Integration and Organizational Sustainability.

The Sonoma County Library's project "Together at the Table" is in alignment with the CCDSR's goal of Service Integration, which is addressing the root causes of poverty and vulnerability through integration of services, innovation, and creative collaboration, so that every individual may achieve stability and independence.

CCDSR will provide in-kind services to the project during the grant term, including:

- Participate in up to two "Together at the Table" community panel at Sonoma County Library branches,
- Train and mentor CCDSR staff to appear at "Together at the Table" community panel,

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Catholic Charities is accredited by the Council on Accreditation which recognizes non-profits which adhere to a high level of performance standards and deliver the highest quality services to all of its stakeholders.



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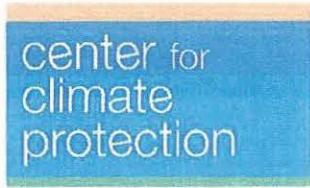
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- And, provide technical assistance on evaluation of the project

It is my pleasure to support this project and the CCDSR looks forward to working with the Sonoma County Library in the coming fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Len Marabella
Executive Director
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa



May 23, 2017

Our mission

Board of Directors

Strategic Activities

Science & Technical Advisors

Comments

May 23, 2017

Angelina Cacioppo
Sonoma County Library
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Via email: acacioppo@sonoma.lib.ca.us

Subject: Letter of Support for "Together at the Table"

This letter confirms the Center for Climate Protection's support of Sonoma County Library's project "Together at the Table" for the fiscal year 2016-17.

“Together at the Table” is in alignment with our organizational mission, shown at the left.

The Center for Climate Protection will provide in-kind services to the project during the grant term including:

- Participate in up to two “Together at the Table” community panel at Sonoma County Library branches
 - Train and mentor our staff as needed to participate in a “Together at the Table” community panel
 - Provide technical assistance on evaluation of the project

I am pleased to support "Together at the Table" and look forward to working with the Sonoma County Library in the coming fiscal year.

Sincerely,

John Hancock

Ann Hancock, Executive Director



May 24, 2017

Angelina Cacioppo
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acacioppo@sonoma.lib.ca.us

RE: Letter of Support for "Together at the Table"

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms Positive Images is in support of Sonoma County Library's project "Together at the Table" for the fiscal year 2017-18.

Positive Images mission is to provide support and advocacy to Sonoma County's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and intersex youth and young adults, ages 12-24, and educates the greater community. We envision a Sonoma County where all youth are valued, compassionate community members, creating a just society.

The Sonoma County Library's project "Together at the Table" is in alignment with Positive Images goal of creating a space in which we can educate and raise awareness about LGBTQ+ challenges, accomplishments, and narratives.

Positive Images will provide in-kind services to the project during the grant term, including:

- Participate in up to two "Together at the Table" community panel at Sonoma County Library branches,
- Train and mentor Positive Images staff to appear at "Together at the Table" community panel,
- And, provide technical assistance on evaluation of the project

It is my pleasure to support this project and the Positive Images looks forward to working with the Sonoma County Library in the coming fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Javier Rivera-Rosales, Director of Programs
Positive Images
200 Montgomery Drive STE C
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

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May 25, 2017

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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR "TOGETHER AT THE TABLE"

This letter confirms the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board's support of the Sonoma County's Library project "Together at the Table" for the fiscal year 2017-18.

The vision of the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board is: *A robust local workforce with the skills needed for today and for tomorrow.* The mission of the Board is: *To lead an integrated workforce development system to ensure the County's economic vitality and quality of life.*

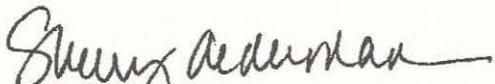
The Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board will provide in-kind services to the project during the grant term, including:

- Participating in up to two "Together at the Table" community panels at Sonoma County library branches to provide a workforce perspective, and
- Providing assistance to the content of the program evaluation

It is my pleasure to be part of this project. The Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board looks forward to working with the Sonoma County Library in the upcoming fiscal year.

If you have any questions please call me (707) 565-8501.

Sincerely,



Sherry Alderman
Director



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May 26, 2017

Angelina Cacioppo
Sonoma County Library
211 E Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

RE: Letter of Support for "Together at the Table"

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms Sonoma State's Women's and Gender Studies Department's support of Sonoma County Library's project "Together at the Table" for the fiscal year 2017-18.

SSU's WGS Department's mission is to enable students to explore the social, political, and cultural dimensions of gender and inequity. WGS is the study of how gender structures everything from our innermost sense of self to transnational circuits of society and economy. Our department utilizes an intersectional perspective, which means that we understand gender to be co-constituted with race, ethnicity, sexuality, nation, ability, and other forms of social power. We use an interdisciplinary approach that examines social structures, institutions, and ideologies of gender through social, historical, political, legal, and cultural lenses. Our department's pedagogy, curriculum, scholarship, and service foster critical awareness and build community. The department is central to Sonoma State's realization of its Diversity Vision Statement, which calls for a "commitment to social justice" and a "dedication to diversity."

Participation in the Sonoma County Library's project "Together at the Table" aligns with our mission, and we are eager to join the conversation for the broader Sonoma County community. SSU's WGS Department will provide in-kind services to the project during the grant term, including participation in two "Together at the Table" community panel at Sonoma County Library branches related to LGBTQI people and issues. Our faculty have long played leadership roles locally and statewide, particularly in the area of bringing LGBT history content to K-12 classrooms.

It is my pleasure to support this project and SSU's WGS looks forward to working with the Sonoma County Library in the coming fiscal year.

Sincerely,

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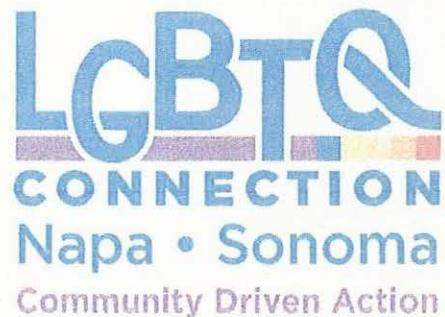
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May 25, 2017

Angelina Cacioppo
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RE: Letter of Support for "Together at the Table"

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms LGBTQ Connection support of Sonoma County Library's project "Together at the Table" for the LGBTQI topic in the 2017-18 fiscal year.

LGBTQ Connection's mission is to foster a healthy, diverse and inclusive community, driven by emerging leaders in the rural and suburban north San Francisco Bay Area. LGBTQ Connection envisions communities that are renowned for being LGBTQ-friendly and welcoming—ones that are healthy, safe, and fully inclusive of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and "questioning" people and that have visible, diverse, and vibrant LGBTQ communities.

The Sonoma County Library's project "Together at the Table" is in alignment with LGBTQ Connection's goal of supporting communities to become friendly, welcoming, diverse, and inclusive. We hope through providing education, clarification, and support understanding, we can work with the Library to grow our communities in a positive way.

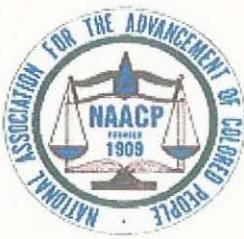
LGBTQ Connection will provide in-kind services to the project during the grant term, including:

- Participate in up to two "Together at the Table" community panel at Sonoma County Library branches,
- Train and mentor LGBTQ Connection staff to appear at "Together at the Table" community panel, and
- Provide technical assistance for evaluation of the project

It is my pleasure to support this project and the LGBTQ Connection looks forward to working with the Sonoma County Library in the coming fiscal year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ian Stanley".
Ian Stanley
Program Director



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May 25, 2017

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Sonoma County Library
211 E Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Dear Angelina:

RE: Letter of Support for "Together at the Table"

This letter confirms Santa Rosa-Sonoma County NAACP's support of Sonoma County Library's project "Together at the Table" for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

The Santa Rosa-Sonoma County NAACP is committed to equality and justice for all. As a trusted civil rights organization in the county and the country, NAACP continues to peacefully advocate for civil rights, social justice, and equality.

The Sonoma County Library's project "Together at the Table" is in alignment with Sonoma County NAACP's goal of equality and justice for all. As a community supporter of Together at the Table's Blackness in America topic, the NAACP's long civil rights history and influential work will provide valuable and historical information for participants.

Sonoma County NAACP will provide in-kind services to the project during the grant term, including:

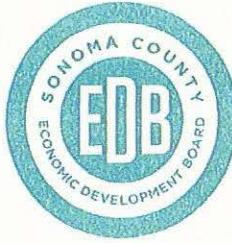
- Participate in up to two "Together at the Table" community panel at Sonoma County Library branches,
- Train and mentor Sonoma County NAACP members to appear at "Together at the Table" community panel,
- And, provide technical assistance on evaluation of the project

It is my pleasure to support this project, and the Sonoma County NAACP looks forward to working with the Sonoma County Library in the coming fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Rev. Curtis Byrd

Rev. Curtis Byrd, MA
Unit Secretary



May 22, 2017

Sonoma County Library
Angelina Cacioppo
Community Engagement Coordinator
211 E Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Re: Together at the Table

Dear Angelina,

Please accept this letter as confirmation of our support for the Sonoma County Library's grant initiative, "Together at the Table".

We look forward to supporting this civically based and culturally developed project. The Economic Development Board welcomes the opportunity to serve as a community supporter for this initiative by providing a representative to engage in dialogue about the local economy as it relates to income inequality.

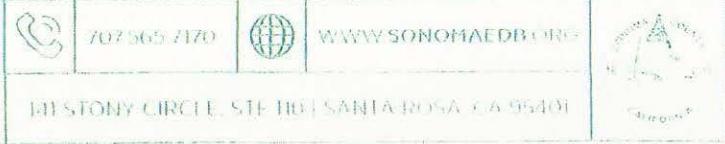
Questions regarding this letter may be directed to Ben Stone at Ben.Stone@sonoma-county.org or (707) 565-7170. We look forward to working with the Sonoma County Library on this grant, should it be awarded by the California State Library.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Stone".

Ben Stone
Executive Director

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May 25, 2017

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RE: Letter of Support for "Together at the Table"

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Shekeyna Black

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms the Peace & Justice Center of Sonoma County's support of Sonoma County Library's project "Together at the Table" for the fiscal year 2016-17.

The Peace & Justice Center's mission is to inform, support and energize the Sonoma County community to create peace and social justice through active nonviolence. The goal of the Peace & Justice Center is to envision a world of Peace & Justice, where differences are respected, conflicts are addressed nonviolently, oppressive structures are dismantled, and people live in harmony with the earth and one another.

The Sonoma County Library's project "Together at the Table" is in alignment with Peace & Justice Center's goal of creating peace and social justice through active nonviolence.

The Peace & Justice Center will provide in-kind services to the project during the grant term, including:

- Participate in up to two "Together at the Table" community panel at Sonoma County Library branches,
- Train and mentor PJC staff to appear at "Together at the Table" community panel,
- And, provide technical assistance on evaluation of the project

It is my pleasure to support this project and the Peace & Justice Center looks forward to working with the Sonoma County Library in the coming fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Shekeyna Black
Center Coordinator
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RE: Letter of Support for "Together at the Table"

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms YWCA Sonoma County's support of Sonoma County Library's project "Together at the Table" for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

YWCA Sonoma County's mission is ending domestic violence through awareness, education and empowerment. YWCA Sonoma County is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

The Sonoma County Library's project "Together at the Table" is in alignment with YWCA Sonoma County's goal of engaging the community to educate and raise awareness around issues that affect women in Sonoma County.

YWCA Sonoma County will provide in-kind services to the project during the grant term, including:

- Participate in up to two "Together at the Table" community panel at Sonoma County Library branches
- Train and mentor YWCA staff to appear at "Together at the Table" community panel
- Provide technical assistance on evaluation of the project

It is my pleasure to support this project and the YWCA Sonoma County looks forward to working with the Sonoma County Library in the coming fiscal year.

Sincerely,



Madeleine Keegan O'Connell
Chief Executive Officer

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