



## MINUTES

Board of Library Trustees | Altadena Library District  
Bob Lucas Memorial Library  
2659 Lincoln Ave  
Altadena, CA 91001  
July 31, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING JULY 31, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid fashion, utilizing teleconference, electronic, and in-person means consistent with the **State of California Executive Order N-29-20** dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and Altadena Library District Board of Trustees' Resolution 2021-05. The live stream of the meeting may be viewed by visiting the Altadena Library District's YouTube channel at the following URL  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/AltadenaLibrary>

**SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:** For those wishing to make Public Comments at the July 31, 2023 Meeting, you may present your comments in-person during the meeting, or submit by email to be read aloud at the meeting. For emailed comments, if multiple comments are submitted, only the first comment will be read aloud during the meeting. Email and Electronic Comments submitted online will be accepted up to two (2) hours prior to the start of the meeting. Email comments can be submitted to [hello@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:hello@altadenalibrary.org) with the subject line: "Public Comment". Electronic Comments may also be submitted online at [www.altadenalibrary.org/publiccomment](http://www.altadenalibrary.org/publiccomment). If you wish to make your public comment during the virtual livestream, please state so in your email. On the form below, select "Yes – I want to provide this comment virtually during the livestream and need the Zoom link" in the online form.

Email and Electronic Comments will be submitted to the legislative body and shall become part of the record of the meeting.

If you are unable to submit via email, online, or attend the meeting in-person, you can call in to (626) 798-0833 ext. 103, during the corresponding item of the agenda. For public comment on any non-agenda item, please plan to call at 5:00 pm.

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In compliance with the Americans with Disability Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the meeting, please contact Library Administration at (626) 798-0833 x103 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so the Altadena Library District may make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** The Altadena Library District acknowledges its presence on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded land of the Gabrielino Tongva peoples. Altadena is located on the stolen homelands of the Xaxaamonga (Hahamongna) tribal band. The traditional territory of the Gabrielino Tongva is referred to as Tovaangar, which includes the areas currently known as Los Angeles County, Riverside County, West San Bernardino County, parts of Orange County as

well as the four southern Channel Islands. Entities such as the U.S. government and non-Native settlers have subjected the Gabrielino Tongva peoples to historic and continuing injustices, including genocide, forced displacement, and cultural and linguistic erasure. Altadena Library commits to learning, educating, and informing its staff and residents of present-day Altadena about the rich histories, vibrant communities, and culture of Gabrielino Tongva people, present and past, through our collection development, resources, and program offerings.

I. Call to Order

a. Land Acknowledgement

Trustee Clark read the Land Acknowledgement.

II. Open Session

a. Roll Call

Trustee Clarke called roll. Trustee Lim, Trustee Wilkerson, and Trustee Clark responded as present. Quorum was confirmed.

b. Approval/Reordering of Agenda Items

None

c. Adoption of Agenda

d. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Live Virtual Public comment made by: Dr. Jim Gaudino on Agenda Item III.A.

“Catalina and Board members thank you so much. I testified a couple of months ago on behalf of my mother Elizabeth Gaudino. She’s the sole owner and long time resident for 70 years of two contiguous lots impacted by measure Z. I won’t get into all the things that I said but she is basically a low income elder who is just trying to stay in their home with increasing costs. Her electric bill for example went up to \$900 dollars a month one of these months in the past. She is just holding on. She’s healthy, she wants to stay in her home if she can, but this is becoming a little bit more difficult. Last time I talked about the more personal issues that she is facing. I’ll get right to it and talk about Measure Z. I think two years of implementation is a really good time to stop and take a breath and think about who the measure is impacting and how you might improve it. Probably not your intention, but I think the property tax has turned out to be more of a regressive type of tax impacting lower income people. It’s naïve for us to think that – and I’m a close to retirement government worker that doesn’t have much income myself – and it’s naïve to think that – and I’m a renter – it’s naïve to think that property tax does not impact renters. So I want to give you a couple of statistics from the recent census. Did you know that Altadena has back in 2021 an estimated 1100 elders over 85 years old like my mother. In fact the estimated income – yes there are people that make over \$150K a year – households I mean – there’s about 37%, but on the other side, making less than \$50k a year there’s 21% of people in

Altadena that live on that income. How do they do that?”

Dr. Jim Gaudino was notified that he had run out of time to speak.

“So please think about reforming and looking into this. I really appreciate it. I’m born and raised in Altadena. I’m a vested person there. I thank you for listening, you really are impacting people, and I think you could still get the outcome that you need. Thank you so much for listening.”

### III. New Business

- a. Resolution 2023-06 of the Altadena Library District Board of Trustees, Levying Special Taxes within Altadena Library District Community Facilities District No. 2020-1 (FACILITIES AND SERVICES).

**Moved by Trustee Andruess to approve the amended new Tax Roll**

**Resolution 2023-06.**

**Seconded by Trustee Lim**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Trustee Andruess: Aye**

**Trustee Capell: Absent**

**Trustee Clark: Aye**

**Trustee Lim: Aye**

**Trustee Wilkerson: Absent**

**Motion passed**

### IV. Announcements & Planning

- a. Correspondence
- b. Proposed Future Agenda Items

### V. Adjournment

- a. Adjourn Meeting