

**LIBRARIANS' GUILD, AFSCME LOCAL 2626
UPDATE**

Addendum to May 2012 Update

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CITY BUDGET:

The City Budget has been approved by the City Council, including the additional staff for expanding service hours in the Fall. The process continues with the Mayor having final approval. The Mayor and CAO's proposed layoffs will be delayed until January and will be reviewed by the Budget and Finance Committee at that point.

LAPD and OPS:

The Budget also approved the LAPD take over of the Office of Public Safety functions of security and safety. The new LAPD unit is called the *Security Services Department*. The Guild has met with City Council members, the Board of Library Commissioners and recently with LAPD staff to discuss the transition and the needs of the Library Department. We have informed them of the special aspects of library safety issues, and we will continue to be involved. At this point, the Captain in charge of the transition states that there are no changes that are expected to take place anytime soon. Dispatch calls and responses will continue as they are, and the police department asserts that in serious situations libraries are more likely to receive a faster response.

SALARY INCREASES:

The Coalition of L.A. City Unions understood our resolve to protect your contracts, refusing to consider any "reopeners" that might allow for further concessions. Following countless hours of Coalition meetings with City Council members and the Coalition's presentation of 20 pages of well-grounded revenue alternatives to the City's Budget and Finance Committee, the L.A. City Council officially approved a City budget on May 21 that assures Coalition members that all contract terms will remain intact. That means—assuming City officials will be true to their word—that starting July 1, step raises will resume per your anniversary period. In addition, your 3.75% raises ("cost of living increases") will also be implemented July 1st. All other negotiated terms will resume and proceed, as well.

During the six months that funding is in place, we will continue to work with the Budget and Finance Committee and the CAO to ensure that all of our positions remain fully funded through the end of the fiscal year. Presently, a very good foundation has been laid with the City's new Budget and Finance Committee, Chaired by Councilman Paul Krekorian, to develop a strong partnership to achieve mutual goals and keep City services running.

ALICE GOFF RUNNING FOR AFSCME SECRETARY-TREASURER:

As soon as Alice decided to join Danny Donohue (candidate for President of AFSCME) in running for the two highest offices in AFSCME, the evil nature of people began to percolate. There have been several emails sent making very negative and very false

statements about the Donohue-Goff slate along with other emails making very positive and very false statements about the other slate.

FALSE INFORMATION BEING SENT AND EMAILED:

Along the lines of the previous topic, this week some Guild and many Clerical Union members have received glossy mailings at their homes with false statements and accusations directed at Alice. The sponsoring organization claims to be a competing union, but is instead a rented office space, and their website lists no names. The mailing talks about Alice making a "back room deal with the Mayor" about last year's contract issues, but all the agreements listed were negotiated by the entire Coalition of L.A. City Unions and ratified via ballot by coalition members. Please share the facts with anyone who might be concerned.

LIBRARIANS' GUILD PROMOTIONAL EXAM PRACTICE INTERVIEWS:

SUNDAY, JULY 1 (12:00-4:00): PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN CANDIDATES

SUNDAY, JULY 15 (12:00-4:00): SENIOR LIBRARIAN CANDIDATES

SUNDAY, JULY 22 (12:00-4:00): LIBRARIAN CANDIDATES

We will be sending a more formal notice requesting an RSVP closer to the dates, but please mark your calendars. Interviews will be at AFSCME Council 36 HQ.

The Guild needs volunteers to help conduct these interviews. Please email librariansguild@hotmail.com if you are willing and qualified to help.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Friday, June 8 at Echo Park Branch

Agenda: LABOR 411

Library Education/Training/Conference attendance -Everything you need to know with special guest Gloria Grover