



## City Council Agenda Item

**City Council Meeting Date:** November 2, 2021

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Jim Throop, City Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Resolution No. 6460(21) Accepting Bequest from Mary Ellen C. Knapp Estate to the Lompoc Public Library

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### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 6460(21) accepting the bequest to the Lompoc Public Library from the Mary Ellen C. Knapp Estate and authorizing the City Manager to execute documents related thereto.

### **Background:**

On October 8, 2021, the Lompoc Public Library received notification from Kathy Kitchens, LLC, executor of the Mary Ellen C. Knapp Estate, that in her Last Will and Testament dated November 9, 2017, Ms. Knapp made a bequest of 10% of her estate to the Lompoc Public Library.<sup>1</sup>

### **Discussion:**

Government Code section 37354 provides that “the legislative body may accept or reject any gift, bequest, or devise made to or for the city, or to or for any of its officers in their official capacity or in trust for any public purpose. It may hold and dispose of the property and the income and increase from the property for such uses as are prescribed in the terms of the gift, bequest, or devise.”

Ms. Knapp’s will did not contain any instructions how the bequest is to be used other than that it was bequested specifically to the Lompoc Public Library. Therefore, any monies received will be designated for use solely by the Library Division.

It is staff’s view that the acceptance of the bequest will benefit the City and residents by providing additional income to the Library Division.

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<sup>1</sup> The amount of the bequest will be determined after taxes and final expenses are deducted from the estate but is projected to be as much as \$140,000.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The fiscal impact of accepting the Ms. Knapp's bequest is limited to preparation of this staff report and resolution.

**Conclusion:**

The Library Division is pleased to be the recipient of a generous gift from the Mary Ellen C. Knapp Estate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jim Throop, City Manager

Attachment: Resolution No. 6460(21)