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The Honorable Bill Dodd  
California State Capitol, Room 5064  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT for Senate Constitutional Amendment 3 (Dodd) – Library Funding**

Dear Senator Dodd:

The Napa County Board of Supervisors unanimously supports your measure, Senate Constitutional Amendment 3 (SCA 3), that adds local bonding for library facilities to the current bonding exceptions that are allowed to exceed the one percent limit on property tax increases.

The Napa County Board of Supervisors has identified increased library funding for facilities and operations as a priority in our 2017 Legislative Platform. We believe libraries are a crucial component to healthy communities. SCA 3 would create an additional exception to the one percent limit for a rate imposed by a city, county, city and county, or special district to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund public library facilities, that is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, city and county, or special district. Current bonding exceptions include: school districts, community college districts, and county offices of education for school facilities. All bond measures must be approved by 55% of the voters of the district or county voting on the proposition at an election. The mission of local public libraries has changed over the years. This measure is greatly needed as State funding has been drastically cut for facility upgrades and vital services that include everything from child and adult literacy programs to job searches and training to help citizens transition to better quality lives.

For these reasons, the Napa County Board of Supervisors unanimously supports SCA 3 and looks forward to its passage into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "AP", written over a horizontal line.

Alfredo Pedroza  
Chairman, Napa County Board of Supervisors

cc: Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry  
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