

1 [Urging Governor Jerry Brown to Support Assembly Bill 438 - Protect Public Libraries from
2 for-Profit Corporation Takeovers]

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4 **Resolution urging Governor Jerry Brown to support and implement Assembly Bill 438**
5 **that protects public libraries from for profit corporate takeovers.**
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7 WHEREAS, public libraries are vital for a free and open democracy, an educated,
8 literate and informed citizenry, and they promote increased economic activity where they are
9 located and act as a storehouse of our culture, history and politics and as such should not be
10 turned into a for-profit enterprise and,

11 WHEREAS, Santa Clarita's and other California jurisdiction's libraries have been
12 subject to what amounts to hostile takeovers or attempts of hostile takeovers by a for-profit,
13 out of state corporation, Library Systems & Services LLC(LSSI) despite strong citizens'
14 objections, and

15 WHEREAS, the for-profit library movement (now the nation's fifth-largest library
16 system) makes its profits by cutting union jobs and pensions, lowering employee incomes and
17 cutting back on patron services, while the costs of running these libraries still comes entirely
18 at the expense of the taxpayers; now therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors thanks the State Legislature
20 for passing legislation that will protect Public Libraries from being taken over by a for-profit
21 corporation and calls on the Governor to support and implement this legislation, and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLOVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors send a copy of
23 this resolution to the Governor.
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