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TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator
DATE: April 20, 2026
RE: Cancellation of Southfield Library Contract

Background Brief: With the Headlee Override Proposal failing in November 2025, the City Council is aware of the budget constraints the City is facing in the coming years. One action item that has been completed is authorizing a Library Services Millage Proposal to be placed on the November 2026 ballot. There is no guarantee regarding the millage results, meaning the City needs to consider the long-term implications.

As the Council is aware, the Southfield Library Board has not been willing to renegotiate our current contract, specifically adding a six (6) month cancellation clause versus the current cancellation language of one (1) year, effective the following July 1. Based on the current contract language, IF the Library Services millage were to fail, and no action was taken before July 1, 2026, the earliest we could get out of the contract would be July 1, 2028. This would leave the City needing to find a funding mechanism for Library Services for Fiscal Year 2027-2028 (approximately \$190,000), with no additional revenue source.

It is recommended that the City Council approve the cancellation of the current Southfield Library Contract, so the City can meet the 1-year cancellation requirement, and then, pending the results of the November election, the City can enter into new negotiations with the Southfield Library to obtain an updated contract, or continue exploring other libraries (e.g., Berkley) for services.

Previous Action: January 26, 2026 – Approved Library Services Millage Proposal Language

Economic Impact: N/A

Recommendation: It is my recommendation to cancel the current library contract.

Recommended Motion:

Moved by _____ seconded by _____ to approve the cancellation of the Library Contract between the City of Lathrup Village and the City of Southfield.

Bruce Kantor
Mayor

Kelly Garrett
Mayor Pro-Tem

Jalen Jennings
Council Member

Jason Hammond
Council Member

John Sousanis
Council Member