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Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

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Title: Truckee Library Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Nevada, the Town of Truckee and the Friends of the Truckee Library

Jen Callaway, Town Manager

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**Recommended Action:** Adopt Resolution 2024-07 accepting and authorizing the execution of the Joint Powers Agreement for a new Truckee Library and authorize the Town Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Nevada, the Town of Truckee, and the Friends of the Truckee Library.

**Discussion:** One of Town Council's priorities is to "invest in key infrastructure and community connectivity to enhance the quality of life for everyone." Supporting efforts to develop a new Truckee Library facility is an important project identified under this Council priority within the Town's 2023-2025 work plan and is consistent with the 2040 General Plan Action Item CC-6.E:

#### ***CC-6.E Modern Library Support***

*Continue to collaborate with Nevada County and local partners, such as Friends of the Library, to support the development of a modern library for Truckee.*

While the Town does not provide library services, for over six years the Town has collaborated with regional partners including Nevada County and Friends of the Truckee Library to support joint planning for the site selection, design, financing, and construction of a new twenty-first century library facility. Town in-kind and financial investments in this effort has included completion of a site planning study, parking studies, staff input into the conceptual plan development, working with special districts to negotiate a land deal involving multiple public agency-owned parcels within Truckee River Regional Park, participation in the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) study process, and, more recently, facilitating initial site surveys and participating in the architectural and engineering design process, including consultant selection.

On May 23, 2023, staff presented the results of a voter opinion survey that suggested a revenue measure may be a viable fund source for a portion of a future library project, although other funding sources would be required to fund the remainder of the project. At this May 2023 meeting, Council also directed staff to "continue to contribute staff time to collaborative efforts to support the design and development of a new Truckee Library facility."

To complete the library project, it was determined that a new legal entity, such as a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), would need to be created. As such, Nevada County and Town of Truckee staff have been working on the creation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to oversee library development, using the framework provided in the Truckee Library JPA Points of Agreement that was approved by the Town Council on October 25, 2022. The proposed Truckee Library JPA Agreement is provided as Exhibit 1 of **Attachment A**. Under the agreement, the JPA is responsible for constructing and maintaining the new Truckee library and leasing any land needed for the location of the new facility. The JPA is also intended

to collaborate with community partners to secure financing for the construction and maintenance of the Truckee library. The members of the JPA include the County of Nevada and the Town of Truckee but the agreement also provides the option for additional members to join after the initial formation of the Library JPA.

Due to the legal inability for a non-profit agency to be a JPA member, it was determined that in addition to the creation of a JPA, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would also be created to memorialize and codify the relationship to and partnership with the Friends of the Truckee Library in development of the library, including planning, design, securing funding, and constructing the facility. Pursuant to the draft MOU (**Attachment B**), the parties have committed to maintaining an open, close, and collaborative relationship to address and deliver local library goals, objectives, services, and programs in mutual support of each other's missions.

Staff is recommending that Council adopt the attached Resolution 2024-07 accepting and authorizing the execution of the Joint Powers Agreement for a new Truckee Library, as well as authorize the Town Manager to execute the MOU between the County of Nevada, the Town of Truckee, and the Friends of the Truckee Library. Staff is also recommending that the Council authorize the Town Manager and/or the Town Attorney to approve minor non-substantive changes to both agreements prior to execution.

The JPA and MOU documents are scheduled to be presented to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors at their January 23, 2024 meeting.

**Priority:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced Communication	<input type="checkbox"/> Climate and Greenhouse Gas Reduction	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Investment	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency and Wildfire Preparedness	<input type="checkbox"/> Core Service

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no financial impact to joining with the JPA or the MOU. Each of the 3 partners have committed \$500,000 to finance pre-development costs such as consulting, engineering, and permitting.

**Public Communication:** None beyond ongoing communication with Nevada County staff and Friends of the Truckee Library representatives related to the Library.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Resolution 2024-07 Accepting the Joint Powers Agreement (Exhibit 1) for a new Truckee Library

Attachment B: Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Nevada, the Town of Truckee, and the Friends of the Truckee Library.