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TO: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair
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URGENT: TEMPORARY LIBRARY CLOSURES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

LA County Library is planning to close all its 86 library locations to the public as of 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, March 14, 2020, in its continued efforts to limit large group gatherings and practice safe measures during these uncertain times. Library programming and events were already cancelled as of yesterday. At this time, these measures will be in place through Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

Due dates for borrowed materials will automatically be extended, no late fines will be assessed, and customers can return materials when the Library reopens. Customers can continue to access LA County Library's collection of digital resources and chat reference, as well as obtain information about the coronavirus on our website at lacountylibrary.org/coronavirus.

The Library will continue to consult with the Chief Executive Office and the Department of Public Health, as well as monitor COVID-19 activity. As of today, 50 of 62 of the school districts the Library supports have closed. Additionally, we are in consistent contact with our sister agencies, including the Los Angeles Public Library, local library systems, larger jurisdictions around the country, the Urban Libraries Council (ULC), and the Southern California Library Cooperative (SCLC) to ensure that we are in concert with a nationwide response from library systems.

I hope you will support this decision and look forward to your response. The safety of our staff and customers is our biggest priority. Should you require further information about the items detailed in this memo, please feel free to contact me at spatrick@library.lacounty.gov.

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