

Fulton Board Unanimously Supports New Central Library

At its June 4 meeting, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution sponsored by District 2 (At-Large) Commissioner Robb Pitts proposing the addition of a new Central Library to the Library Master Plan.

The same proposal was approved by the Library Board of Trustees on May 28.

The Library Facility Master Plan approved by the Board of Commissioners in March proposed renovating the Central Library, instead of new construction. Commissioner Pitts' recommendation was based on the demonstrated effect of new central libraries in several major U.S. cities, including Minneapolis, Seattle, Jacksonville and Nashville.

Commissioner Pitts' resolution points out that the community could benefit from a more accessible and welcoming facility that reflects Fulton County's robust creativity and intellectual capital. The proposed facility would be architecturally significant to serve as an attraction for tourists and residents, and would have a strong focus on technology.

Commissioner Pitts said, "We have cleared the second major hurdle in bringing this project to the voters in November. While residents will have the final say on whether this project goes forward, as part of the Bond Referendum, I believe they value education and learning as much as I do, and will be excited to add a state-of-the-art learning facility to our Library system."

Before the June 18 meeting, staff will work on finalizing cost figures for the proposed Bond Referendum, which will now include the Central Library project.