

## AGENDA



Thursday, November 1, 2007

**Library  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 6**

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**Subject:** Approve the appointment of Jane Manaster to a two year term as Austin's Lay Representative to Central Texas Library System ("CTLS"), a collaboration of member libraries, Lay Representatives and staff to strengthen public library services and equalize access to information throughout Central Texas.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no anticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Brenda Branch, Director, 974-7444

**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by the Library Commission.

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Under the Texas State Library Systems Act, the Austin Public Library is allotted one Lay Representative whose responsibility is to attend CTLS membership meetings, to elect Advisory Council members, and to vote on the Central Texas Library System's biennial plan of service and other system issues. Section 441.130(b) of the Texas Library Systems Act states that "the governing body of each member library shall elect or appoint a representative". APL is also allotted one alternate to serve in lieu of the Representative when necessary.

We are recommending Jane Manaster as the Lay Representative. Jane Manaster is an educator, a writer and a passionate library supporter. She has taught at SWTSU and UT.

Ms. Manaster served as a former President of the Travis County Historical Commission, a member of the Austin Historic Landmark Commission and a member of the American Red Cross National Disaster Service. Some of her recent publications include: Javelinas, Texas Tech University Press, 2006 and The Horned Lizard, Texas Tech University Press, 2002.

We are recommending Ronald S. Jones, Ed.D, as the Lay Representative alternate. Mr. Jones has a background in working with volunteers and with extension/outreach services. Most recently he served as 4-H Youth Development Volunteerism Specialist.