# Discussion on Possible Options for the Future Operations of Queen Creek Library

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# Current Agreement with Maricopa County Library District (MCLD)

- Town provides and maintains the library facility, the Library District provides all operational services:
  - library programs, administration, staffing, equipment, books, computers and other materials.

- Expires June 30, 2022

# MCLD Municipal Partner Policy



- Support 100% of library operations for cities and towns with a population of 50,000 or less.

- Cities and towns over 50,000 are responsible for funding 100% of library operations plus 10% for overhead costs.

- Town population estimated at 68,500.

- Long range financial planning has included taking on these costs in FY2023 at approximately $1.5m.

# Options for Library Services

- Option 1:
  Remain with MCLD under a revised IGA.

- Option 2:
  Transition to a Town of Queen Creek operated library.

# Option 1: Revised IGA with MCLD

- Continuity of services and access to MCLD's inventory and programs.

- Town responsible for 100% of operational costs plus 10% for overhead. Approximately $1.8m for FY2023.

- Payments for Town residents who live in Pinal County no longer needed. $50,254 for FY2020.

- Programming concerns regarding resident priority – MCLD committed to adding capacity to programs that fill quickly.

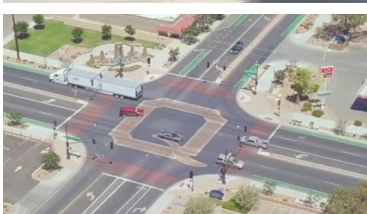# Option 2: Transition to Independent Queen Creek Library

- Phase 1
    - IGA with MCLD for 18 months – two years.
    - Potential capital costs.
    - Hire Library Manager to develop start-up plan, establish polices and procedures, purchasing contracts, develop online services and hire library staff.
    - Hire support staff needed in other Town departments.

- Phase 2
    - Town assumes library operations.

# Option 2 Continued

- Town would have full control over library programs, and could implement a residency priority policy.

- Inconvenience to residents to recreate accounts.

- Difficult to match MCLD level of service.

- Interlibrary loan programs available to access materials, but may take 2-3 weeks longer.

- Impacts to other Town departments for support – IT, Procurement, Finance, Human Resources, Marketing, Communications, and Recreation.

- Analysis of other independent libraries in the region indicate a 20%-30% increase in operations costs.

# Questions?