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Subject: [CAUTION: Verify Sender Before Opening!] Fwd: The Sierra Club and the Parking Garage
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 10:58:29 AM
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Hi Amanda,

As you can see from the below, the Sierra Club sent a letter regarding the parking garage/mixed use project several weeks ago. Can you please insure that the letter is included in the record of correspondence on this project and forwarded to the City Council.

Micah Posner

Chair or the Local Sierra Club

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject:The Sierra Club and the Parking Garage

Date:Thu, 21 May 2020 09:05:10 -0700

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Dear City Officials,

The attached letter is the product of many hours of careful conversation on the part of the leader of the local Sierra Club. The Sierra Club has more than 1000 members in the City.

Micah Posner

Chair of the local Club

From: [Robert Singleton](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#); [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#)
Subject: RE: Library mixed-use or renovation options; Downtown Forward's analysis of the criteria
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:04:56 PM
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Dear Downtown Library Subcommittee Members,

Attached is Downtown Forward's comprehensive analysis of the options for our downtown library, complete with a full evaluation of all of the criteria that were considered during Group 4's cost comparison.

Also included is a summary graphic showing our entire coalition of local organizations who are in support of the Mixed-use project.

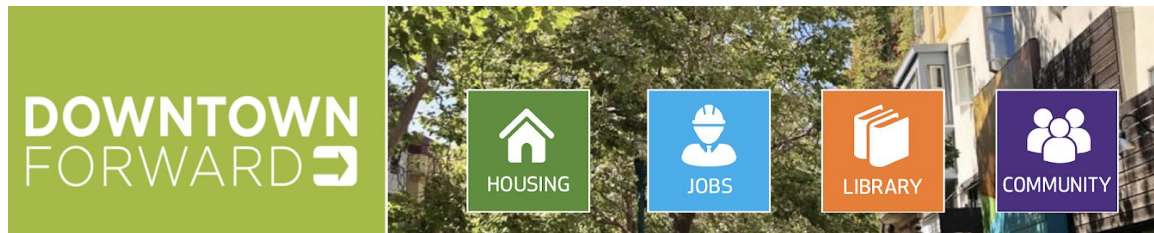
Thank you for your service, and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Downtown Forward

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RE: Library mixed-use or renovation options? Downtown Forward's analysis of the criteria

Dear Downtown Library Subcommittee Members,

In 2018, charged with making recommendations for use of Measure S funds on the downtown library, the Downtown Library Advisory Committee (DLAC) examined studies, surveys, community input and consultant advice and unanimously recommended the mixed-use option for the downtown library. In September of 2018 after extensive public input and after careful consideration, the City Council approved moving forward with planning for this approach.

The current Council Library Subcommittee, created in May 2019, with the benefit of more detailed architectural work and cost estimating, has duplicated the DLAC evaluation with additional cost analysis. The Subcommittee and Council should reach the same conclusion as the DLAC, previous council, and a broad range of stakeholders: the mixed-use Option C is the best choice.

In light of funding limitations, the multi-use library option:

- produces a better library
- provides for affordable housing
- solves long-term parking needs for a wide variety of functions and users
- enhances long-range improvement planning for all of downtown

If this were easy to evaluate, we could submit one page of bullet points, but with its complications and misinformation in the community, the decision deserves your evaluation based on accurate and detailed information. Please read on.

LIBRARY

Renovation option: As demonstrated in the Jayson report (Dec. 2020), the \$27,000,000 budget applied to renovating the existing structure requires shrinking it from 44,000 to 30,230 square feet. This would be accomplished by demolishing the single story sections around the perimeter because it would be too costly to bring them up to required seismic standards. Much of the renovation cost would go to asbestos abatement and other costly repairs rather than creating a state-of-the-art library. It is replete with compromises and constraints that do not match the DLAC expectations.

Shrinking the library size limits existing uses including veteran's services, archival storage of newspapers and other historic reference material, small group meeting space, and especially the Genealogy collection and programs. Those services would be competing for much less space. Shrinking the downtown library also means shrinking its collection by 28,600 items (21%), which compromises not only downtown (the largest and most heavily used branch in the system), but also the library resources available at all 10 branches and off-site locations.

The renovation attempts to bring the space up to modern library practices, but a two-story library does not match modern library standards. There are limitations with a two-story library for security, disability access, staffing patterns, book processing, and other needs.

Funding limitations dictate unpleasant choices.

- The elevator has to be replaced and moved in the renovation plan, an expense of \$182,000. A second needed elevator with restricted use is not in the base budget.
- An acoustic ceiling, considered essential for a 'quiet' library, is not even in the renovation base budget.
- The landscaping described in the base budget is only for tanbark -- a sea of it because it has to cover the area where the one-story sections are torn down. There is no funding for plantings, irrigation and work done on the existing parking lot, let alone consideration of ongoing maintenance requirements.
- Interior lighting is not improved because the second story window replacements and a proposed skylight are not in the base budget.
- Most notable is that the aging roof will remain as-is. To improve it and give it a longer life would cost an estimated \$857,000 -- not in the budget.
- The renovation's best additions are outdoor patio areas, but they are located on the cold-shade side of the building and there is no fencing included in the base budget so access from the outside (they border the parking lot) is not restricted.
- The building would be retrofitted, but it cannot be as energy efficient as a new structure, and cannot accommodate solar panels that would enable it to be energy independent. The cost of operating and maintaining the retrofitted building would be greater than a new building, syphoning off limited funding from annual operating expenses.
- Renovation requires closing the downtown library for two years, a significant disruption to its users including those who rely on it for internet/computer access. Relocating some services and a small collection for two years is not in the renovation budget.

Mixed-use option: The mixed-use option rectifies most of the deficiencies of the remodel option.

- At 35,500 square feet Option C is 5,200 feet (17%) larger than remodeling the existing library. Compared to the remodel, it provides more space for: a teen room, children's room, meeting spaces, a room for Genealogy, and room for 19,600 more items in the collection.

- Since the library is all on the ground floor it provides: better energy efficiency, better patron circulation especially for disability access, and an overall better uncompromised space for a state-of-the-art library.
- The mixed-use library has nearly 12-foot high windows on the sun side for the full length of the library. By comparison, the renovation plan does provide better lighting for the children's area and entryway, but little natural lighting for the rest of the library.
- Should additional funding be acquired in the future, the mixed use option has more ground floor space (about 9,000 sq. ft.) available for a less expensive expansion (compared to attempting to do that to the renovated building.) This would bring the library back to near its current, 44,000 sq. feet, closer to what DLAC originally recommended.

In almost every comparison listed in the Council Subcommittee evaluation criteria the mixed-use library is superior in terms of space, design, and upgrading of facilities.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The mixed-use option includes affordable housing. Affordable housing is an identified critical need and priority for the community. The city's inventory of land for this purpose is limited, while affordable housing -- especially for the lowest income levels, where the greatest deficiency exists in meeting the city's Housing Element goals -- requires some city contribution and state and federal funding to be feasible at any scale, and availability of City land can help to address the need.

The architectural plans allow for 60 to 120 affordable housing units in the mixed-use option. With limited city land, any use of property must match priorities and maximize its use. The mixed-use site, and the existing library site, are two of the larger opportunity sites under City control. By repurposing the existing library site for affordable housing in addition to the new library, the two sites combined could accommodate over 250 units.

It is worth noting that affordable housing at this site is not a theoretical possibility. The City has already pre-qualified ten credible, proven, affordable housing developers who are eager to be considered for this project.

Keeping the existing library and renovating, and leaving Lot 4 as it is (as argued by opponents) produces zero affordable housing units, an inefficient use of scarce public land.

PARKING

Santa Cruz's Parking District models best practices creating shared parking and promoting a robust Transportation Demand Management program. The basic concept is that instead of each business having its own parking lot the business district consolidates parking, and downtown visitors, patrons, and employees can achieve all their basic needs by parking in one spot and walking to other intended destinations. This concept has served the city well over the past decades, enhanced with a successful, ever-expanding suite of transportation alternatives.

Parking structures help eliminate the unsightly and inefficient land use of surface parking lots. (Note: the renovated library would still have an unsightly surface parking lot). Some of the remaining surface lots are city-owned and should be repurposed at some point in the future for more important needs like affordable housing. Several downtown lots are privately owned and leased by the city, and many of these are now in the process of being developed by their owners, thus reducing the number of existing parking spaces while increasing demand. The most significant, the Calvary Church lot, is now on a year-to-year lease with development plans moving forward. The anticipated loss of surface parking in the downtown district totals 256 spaces (not including the 135 on the proposed library site).

The proposed garage is consistent with modern downtown parking concepts of removing surface lots and consolidating them into more efficient structures. The projected number of spaces for the library mixed-use project is approximately 400. That replaces lost surface lot spaces, and includes a small additional number of spaces to meet future demand.

In addition to being used by the affordable housing units in the mixed use building, the parking garage could be used to meet parking demand for other downtown affordable housing projects like Pacific Station at the Metro location, making them financially more viable.

It's worth acknowledging that downtown parking facilities have been largely empty in recent months because of the extreme COVID-related restrictions and business closures, but already activity is picking up, and downtown will recover. Remember that the library-mixed-use project envisions a planning horizon of decades, not months or just a few years. Already some downtown employees wait over a year for a parking permit. Over 50% of downtown employees commute from further south of Aptos. Visitors from Bay Area and Central Valley communities make up the bulk of Santa Cruz tourists; they are an essential part of the local economy and the city's tax revenue. All these uses require adequate parking; parking spaces are disappearing and new demand is on the horizon. The long-term revival and health of downtown depends on meeting this challenge in the most environmentally sound and equitable way.

FINANCING

One of the most important differences between the mixed-use option and renovation of the existing library are funding resources. State and other affordable housing funds can be tapped for the mixed-use project, but not for the existing library renovation option. The multi-use project leverages several sources of funds and maximizes community benefit on the limited land to provide more benefit for each dollar invested.

Professional fundraisers would all agree that it is easier to raise money for an exciting, new, forward-looking project with improved space and features, as opposed to shoring up an antiquated 52-year old building beyond its useful lifetime, where the bulk of funds are spent fixing decayed and obsolete utilities and infrastructure rather than actual upgrades.

All of the downtown library options have a list of items that would enhance them if additional money can be raised. Most of the other SCPL branches currently being improved or replaced with Measure S funds have relied on supplemental funds to help close funding gaps. Notable examples included the recently opened Felton Branch, the Capitola Branch currently under construction, and the two Santa Cruz neighborhood branches, for which plans have recently been approved.

LONG-RANGE DOWNTOWN CONCEPTUAL PLANNING GOALS

Libraries are central to communities. They are where groups meet, where children go after school, where programs and activities take place. Moving the library to Lot 4 places it closer to the center of our growing downtown.

Already, two projects on Front Street and the planned rebuilding of the Metro Center along with its affordable housing component are expanding downtown activity to the south and side streets.

Because UCSC has developed highly regarded STEM programs, and because of our proximity to Silicon Valley, research and technical businesses have been attracted to Santa Cruz, and the trend will continue. Like Looker growing and locating downtown, it is likely others will choose downtown. Retail businesses, restaurants, and other service businesses will follow.

In addition there has been a steady and growing trend that many residents, both younger and older, do not envision themselves in single-family residential neighborhoods. They prefer living in denser housing located near amenities they can walk to. For that reason there will be steady demand for future housing proposed for downtown.

Long range planning includes using Cathcart as a pedestrian friendly east-west connection, making the library a major hub of downtown and community activity.

The Farmers' Market usually comes up in the discussion of the library mixed-use project because it would be displaced. In fact, the main complaint of Farmers' Market customers is lack of parking, so the longer-term viability is threatened more by the pending disappearance of the Calvary Church parking lot that it relies on for patron parking. Understanding this, and valuing the importance of the Farmers' Market, the city has already planned for a new permanent site at Cathcart and Front, linking it to a potentially large downtown housing customer base, the pedestrian thoroughfare of Cathcart, and the Metro transportation center.

Long-term planning for downtown combines all of the elements of visionary urban development: replacing unsightly and resource-wasting surface parking lots with a parking garage, employing mixed-use buildings to provide denser multi-family housing, and combining a wide variety of services from banking to healthcare with entertainment and arts opportunities, and a diversity of retail and restaurants -- all in a walkable downtown where a local or a visitor can park only once to access all, including a vibrant state-of-the-art library.

WHAT NEITHER OPTION SOLVES

The downtown branch serves as the countywide main library housing books and resources available to all branches, but also it is home to a large staff that processes and maintains all of the county collection. The staffing space for all of the options is similar, cutting from 14,900 square feet to around 4,050, a 75% reduction. Although the architects compared what is referred to in their documents as private space to more contemporary libraries, and concluded that the private-to-public space ratio of the existing library was not necessary, they were not comparing staffing space for main branch libraries, so the amount of space needed may be underestimated.

The county library system will have to solve this problem without the bond resources. With the renovation option it would have to address the problem immediately, at the same time it has to pay for a temporary space for bare-bones public operations. Option C, the mixed use approach, would allow the main library to function at its current location during construction of the new facility, and would give the library system two or more years to solve the operation support challenge, both practically and financially.

The gap between the base budget and the alternate one is substantial for all of the proposed options. Within these budget constraints the kind of finishing touches that make Felton Library exemplary -- things like better lighting fixtures and wood coverings for walls and ceilings instead of bare painted surfaces are not possible without additional resources.

REBUTTAL TO THOSE OPPOSED TO THE MIXED-USE OPTION

Opposition to the library mixed-use option mostly centers on the inclusion of parking. They argue that parking needs will diminish rather than increase and therefore it cannot pay for itself and is not needed, ignoring how the parking district pays for projects using the income from all parking, not parking in a specific garage.

In the intervening years since the DLAC study downtown parking volume, by most people's experiences, increased dramatically. More cars are circling downtown and inside parking garages/lots seeking a parking place.

Parking management well underway by the City, is the proposed alternative to replace the spaces that will be lost as several surface lots are repurposed and accommodating additional anticipated demand. It takes two forms. One is to raise parking rates thereby discouraging business patrons and employees from coming by car.

The second management method is to encourage bus use. The city has already begun a bus pass program to incentivize commuting employees to forgo their cars. While it is too early to make a concrete conclusion it does not yet seem to be increasing bus ridership. Unfortunately, the bus system operating hours do not cover all employee working schedules, the commute time by bus nearly doubles the commute time for employees with a long commute eating into their family time, and there is little parking at the other end of the line where employees catch the busses. Employees, especially those with children to pick up and drop off, and other basic routines that require a car, have limited time and do not see using the bus as a viable way to get to work. Promoting bus use by DT employees is only part of the Transportation Demand Management program, and the least impactful.

Downtown employees who commute long distances (a growing percentage) currently park in the least expensive lots and spaces, some with time limits, and spend their breaks moving their cars. The waiting list for garage employee parking permits is long and growing. Hourly parking rates have already been raised 50% eating 50 cents an hour of their minimum wages.

The mixed-use proposal is in line with Santa Cruz social justice values. The mixed-use option preserves, improves and expands resources for those who most need them -- the homeless, commuting low-wage workers, low-income residents of all ages, the handicapped, life-long learners -- and provides a welcome opportunity to create a community place serving truly diverse populations.

Finally, those opposed try to claim the environmental mantle - that adding more parking increases carbon emissions. As noted above, reducing parking supply while increasing demand simply means that more cars will circle downtown

looking for a space and adding more miles driven. If visitors and customers are discouraged by inadequate or too expensive parking facilities, downtown Santa Cruz will become a less desirable destination, undermining its recovery and long-term vitality.

Also: the rapidly growing appeal of hybrids and electric cars negates the argument. Increasingly, cars of the future will be less and less dependent on carbon fuel. Having a parking facility with solar charging stations, secure bicycle storage, and flexibility to accommodate future transit modes can do more to lower carbon emissions.

The 60 to 120 affordable housing units also can contribute to carbon reduction as well as social equity. It is generally acknowledged by planning and environmental analysts that locating housing near jobs and services is intrinsically the preferred environmental path for the future.

Even the Sierra Club's national policy promotes this principle. Its policy adopted in 2019 states in part:

To mitigate the primary drivers of climate change and prepare for the impacts:

- Development should be dense, inclusive, and located within or connected to existing communities and neighborhoods. New development should be designed to make neighborhoods walkable, and neighborhoods in the city and metropolitan contexts should be linked together by convenient high quality transit prioritized in regional, state and national transportation expenditure plans.
- Materials, building codes, and design should optimize energy use, the entire site's potential, building space and material use, and protect and conserve water and land.
- Development areas served by public transportation, shared transportation, public infrastructure (wastewater, water, roads, etc.) should be zoned for dense/multi-family/mixed-use development in order to reduce emissions and waste. New areas should not be zoned for exclusively single family housing only.
- Cities should develop and enforce land use plans that minimize and mitigate the causes of climate change (carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions).
- All land use plans should identify opportunities for adapting to climate change and build resilience across communities and physical infrastructure.

Scoring Subcommittee Criteria:

Mixed-use Option C better, Rehabilitation better, No or little difference

PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Library Specific Criteria:
 - o Best meets relevant 2013 Facilities Assessment goals
 - o Meets DLAC Criteria: Cost, Timing, Design, Services, & Security
 - o Best meets top needs identified in the DLAC Survey?
- Computer Wi-Fi & printing Areas
- Quiet Space
- Dedicated Children's space
- Study, tutoring, small group space
- Dedicated Library parking
- Flexible community rooms
- Dedicated Teen Space
- Dedicated California & Local History Collections
- Art & Exhibit Space
- Print Collections
- Outdoor Patio/reading space (best in Option D)
- o Used Book Store (storage space better in Option C)
- Creation/makerspace
- Genealogical research center
- o Adult Programs and services
- o Library feel (infrastructure maximizes sound proofing; minimizes exposed wires and plumbing,
- o Library functionality (open concept, good site lines, improved space layout)
- o Dedicated space for public and social services - resource referral
- o Community resources with space for all
- o Library can continue to serve as a resource for residents Countywide
- o Sufficient bathroom facilities
- o Creation of outdoor community space
- o Total square feet
- Environment:
 - o Improve building efficiency (reduce energy/water demand)
 - o Complies with green building standards
 - o Surface parking lots converted for housing uses (Housing Blueprint Recommendations)
 - o Meets relevant City Climate Action Goals:
 - Reduce Energy Use in Municipal Buildings by another 40%
 - Increase solar to 5000 residents and 500 businesses by 2020

- Maximize water conservation efforts and organic waste diversion by 2020

- o Generation of Construction / Demolition Waste

- o Emissions impacts

Risk & Cost

- o Impact of inflation & Cost Escalation

- o Ability to complete project within bond Issuance Timeline

- o Debt Service & sources of revenue

- o Cost per square foot

- o Temporary relocation costs (off site facilities, storage space, etc.)

- o Can be completed within the project timeline

- o Ongoing cost of maintenance and operations

Other Community Benefits

- o Increases # of affordable housing units downtown

- o Support residents of downtown

- o Enables reduction in on-site parking requirements for adjacent affordable housing projects

- o Increase outdoor civic space (would depend on use of existing library site)

- o Supports visitors to downtown (tourists & non-city residents)

Meets intention(s) of the Downtown plan talk to Advance Planning

- o Supports Housing Blueprint Subcommittee Recommendations

- o Supports General Plan Goals

- o Supports actions of previous councils

- o Durability/lifespan

- o Adaptability of the space over time

- o Replacement of lost parking

- o Supports businesses

- o Ability to repurpose the space in the future

- o Advantages of the location

From: [Nanlouise Wolfe](#)
To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: Choose Option B for the downtown library
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 12:27:59 PM

Dear Mayor Cummings, Vice-Mayor Meyers, and Councilmember Brown,

After studying the options/proposals, I've definitely concluded that renovating the current downtown library is the best choice. So I hope you will recommend Option B: reconstruction of the Library at the Civic Center. Preserve Parking Lot 4 as the site of a future Downtown Commons and permanent Farmers' Market!

I agree with these views on the issues presented below:

* A free-standing iconic Downtown Library at the Civic Center is far preferable to a library in a big-box mixed use project. I appreciate the 2017 Downtown Plan which promotes the village character of Cedar Street.

* Building a \$54 million dollar (\$1.8 million/year for 30 years) parking garage is not justified on the basis of projected parking demand. Or by including affordable housing units. Cost savings from not building an expensive garage can be used to leverage affordable housing construction elsewhere to increase downtown density and vitality. And this parking lot violates the city's Climate Action Plan. This whole concept doesn't make sense to me!!

* Perhaps the costs exceeding Measure S revenues in order to include upgrade alternatives beyond the base plan for the Downtown Library at the Civic Center can be paid from revenues from sale of air rights for development of affordable housing on other city-owned lots.

* I think it would be lovely to create a central downtown community public space with a permanent Farmers' Market. Parking Lot 4, with its size, trees, and afternoon sunlight is far better used in this way than for a parking garage, with or without a library, and it is a far better location for the Farmers' Market than the parking lot behind Pizza My Heart.

* A Downtown Commons will serve as an anchor that can help broaden downtown Santa Cruz from its present narrow Pacific Avenue axis and encourage economic development beyond that axis.

Thank you for your work and your consideration of my views. Please do the right thing for the long-term future of Santa Cruz!

Sincerely, Nanlouise Wolfe

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From: [Deborah Hayes](#)
To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: Choose Option B, leave the Farmers' Market alone!
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 9:53:59 AM

Dear Mayor Cummings, Vice-Mayor Meyers, and Councilmember Brown,

I feel very strongly about this, that we need a Downtown Community space more than an expensive parking garage. Retrofit the library we already have!!

In your recommendations concerning the Downtown Library, please choose Option B: reconstruction of the Library at the Civic Center. Preserve Parking Lot 4 as the site of a future Downtown Commons and permanent Farmers' Market! Here are the issues I consider most important:

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Subject: Choose Option B, leave the Farmers' Market alone!
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 10:18:46 AM

Dear Mayor Cummings, Vice-Mayor Meyers, and Councilmember Brown,

Yes, I'm one more person for keeping our library where it is, thank you.

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From: [Gail Michaelis-Ow](#)
To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: Choose Option B, leave the Farmers' Market alone!
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 10:23:30 AM

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From: [Alyssa Barnes](#)
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Subject: Choose Option B, leave the Farmers' Market alone!
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 11:12:23 AM

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Sincerely,

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Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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Subject: Choose Option B, leave the Farmers' Market alone!
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Sent from my iPad

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To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
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Christian Sweeney

From: [Zachariah Buck](#)
To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
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To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
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From: [David Shaw, Santa Cruz Permaculture](#)
To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); [John Hall](#)
Subject: Choose Option B, leave the Farmers' Market alone!
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 5:31:58 PM
Attachments: [logo-250w.png](#)

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From: mary.odegaard
To: [Justin Cummings](mailto:Justin.Cummings); [Donna Meyers](mailto:Donna.Meyers); [Sandy Brown](mailto:Sandy.Brown); [Amanda Rotella](mailto:Amanda.Rotella); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
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Listen to the community!

Peace, Mary O

From: [Marcy Reynolds](#)
To: jcumings@cityofsantacruz.com; dmeyers@cityofsantacruz.com
Cc: [Amanda Bodella](#)
Subject: Downtown Library location decision
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:03:41 AM

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From: [S. LaVerne Coleman](#)
To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#)
Cc: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Downtown Library location decision
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:21:31 AM

Dear Mayor Cummings, Vice-Mayor Meyers, and Council member Brown,

I have lived in 3 countries besides the US and I have traveled extensively. Among the things I have appreciated most in other countries is a commitment to maintaining parks and community spaces in their downtown areas!! Such spaces foster a sense of shared community, and the beauty of trees helps to sustain clean air while providing lovely spaces to gather for the farmer's market, to chat with friends and neighbors, meet new folks...

More concrete and the destruction of trees, the loss of "our village," would be a travesty— an ecological and social MISTAKE.

Destroying beauty and community is NOT progress. Maintaining a downtown that promotes community is in our economic and social best interest.

PLEASE CHOOSE Option B: reconstruction of the Library at the Civic Center. Preserve Parking Lot 4 as the site of a future Downtown Commons and permanent Farmers' Market! Here are the issues I consider most important.

Your sincere and hopeful constituent,

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"Travel is fatal to prejudice."
Mark Twain

From: [Susan Swisher](#)
To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#)
Cc: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Downtown Library location decision
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:06:28 PM

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* *(As a downtown homeowner and resident, I feel that there is absolutely a need for additional parking downtown)* which may or may not fit in ideally with Option B.

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Thank you for your work and your consideration *of my views. Please do your best to upgrade our library, promote "village" environment, consider a pedestrian only Pacific Avenue and remember we do need a bit more parking.*

From: [Alice G](#)
To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#)
Cc: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Downtown Library location decision
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:20:30 PM

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Thank you for your work and your consideration of my views. Please do the right thing for the long-term future of Santa Cruz!

Sincerely,

Alice Grunstra
Resident of Santa Cruz since 1991

From: [sanjiv garg](#)
To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#)
Cc: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Downtown Library location decision
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:58:18 PM

Dear Mayor Cummings, Vice-Mayor Meyers, and Councilmember Brown,

Please keep the main library at its current location and not build another unsightly parking garage. We need more open space in downtown, more trees, more places for people to gather and the long running farmer's market. Downtown is already overbuilt and not a fun place to hang out anymore.

Regards,
Sanjiv Garg

From: lisa.ekstrom
To: [City Council](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#)
Cc: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Downtown Library location decision
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 6:20:12 PM

Dear City Council Members and Amanda Rotella,

I'm sending this email again to citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com since my email to:
jcumplings@cityofsantacruz.com
dmeyers@cityofsantacruz.com
sbrown@cityofsantacruz.com
arotella@cityofsantacruz.com

... was returned to me as "Mail delivery failed".

I've just checked the email addresses and they appear to all be correct (according to the city website).

I hope that this email is delivered.

Thank you,
Lisa Ekström

Begin forwarded message:

From: lisa ekstrom <lisa@ekstromdesign.com>
Subject: Downtown Library location decision
Date: 12 June, 2020 at 3:55:41 PM PDT
To: jcumplings@cityofsantacruz.com, dmeyers@cityofsantacruz.com,
sbrown@cityofsantacruz.com
Cc: arotella@cityofsantacruz.com

Dear Mayor Cummings, Vice-Mayor Meyers, and Councilmember Brown,

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Sincerely,
Lisa Ekström

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From: [alyn.romanow](#)
To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#)
Cc: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Downtown Library Location Decision
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2020 8:44:36 PM

Dear Mayor Cummings, Vice-Mayor Meyers, and Councilmember Brown,

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Allyn Romanow

From: karfraser@cruzio.com
To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: downtown library/downtown commons
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:16:43 PM

Dear Mayor Cummings, Vice-Mayor Meyers, and Councilmember Brown,

In your recommendations concerning the Downtown Library, please choose Option B: reconstruction of the Library at the Civic Center. Preserve Parking Lot 4 as the site of a future Downtown Commons and permanent Farmers' Market.

Please please no parking garage! The picture I saw of that boxlike building is ugly as sin, totally uninviting- and parking just attracts cars/traffic!

I also like these points:

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Peace!
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From: [Shelley Hatch](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Fwd: fraudulent Measure S
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:04:44 PM

When Measure S was being sold to the voters there was never any mention of a parking garage/ library combination , not in print articles or verbal public outreach. The word garage was not in the text of Measure S either , but it appeared after county voters passed Measure S, a bait and switch of gigantic proportions , a new low in tactics that deceive voters. If it wasn't deception, then it was poor and incomplete research, resulting in a lack of accurate information that was then given to voters by those who supposedly fully researched the topic . I will never trust what I read on a city ballot in the future as a result of this mismanagement.

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It was not long after the vote that I spoke to the city council regarding my concerns that not 1 person in the county ever voted for a library/garage, because a library/garage concept was never presented to the public in any venue. I voted yes for the upgrades to our library , but along with every other voter in Santa Cruz County, I never was given the choice to vote yes or no on a library/garage. Why should we ever trust the text in ballot measures in the future when we have seen how Measure S was stolen and repackaged after our vote?

Shelley Hatch

From: [Brett Garrett](#)
To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#)
Cc: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Library decision
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:56:58 PM

Dear Mayor Cummings, Vice-Mayor Meyers, and Councilmember Brown,

I recommend Option B which keeps the library in its current location and preserves Lot 4 for the farmers market, antique fair, and possible future Downtown Commons. I like the Jayson plans.

I oppose the parking garage at this time because we are facing the twin threats of climate change (which the parking garage would exacerbate) and COVID-19 (which makes the economics unpredictable).

Building the parking garage would be a huge risk of the City's finances, because we don't know if enough people will be willing to come downtown and pay for parking in the future. Excess parking (that needs to be paid) would be a huge problem, while a parking shortage would simply mean people need to walk a little further, ride a bike, or take transit. Many cities thrive with a parking shortage!

Affordable housing can best be accomplished as a goal unto itself. Please support affordable housing without expecting the developers to subsidize the library through "air rights". Many of the City parking lots could accommodate flood-proof above-ground affordable housing similar to the Tannery housing, without losing the existing parking.

Sincerely,

Brett Garrett
190 Walnut Ave Unit 301
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From: [Henry Hooker](#)
To: [Justin Cummings](#)
Cc: rgolder@cityofsantacruz.com; beiers@cityofsantacruz.com; [Martine Watkins](#); [Cynthia Mathews](#); [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Library Options: Yes to Mixed Use
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:32:34 PM

Dear Councilmember Cummings,

I write to urge your support for the mixed use option for the new library.

It provides so much for the community: improved library facilities for our dedicated library staff and the young and old users, both now and in the future.

Equally important, it provides desperately needed affordable housing.

And the existing facility will be available for so many possible uses!

Our opportunity to take a big step toward making the downtown the vibrant place that we all want it to be.

Thank you,

Henry Hooker
Santa Cruz

From: [Henry Hooker](#)
To: [Donna Meyers](#)
Cc: beiers@cityofsantacruz.com; [Martine Watkins](#); [Cynthia Mathews](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); [Renee Golder](#)
Subject: Library Options: Yes to Mixed Use
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:40:31 PM

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Henry Hooker
Santa Cruz

From: [Henry Hooker](#)
To: brown@cityofsantacruz.com
Cc: beiers@cityofsantacruz.com; [Martine Watkins](#); [Cynthia Mathews](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); [Renee Golder](#)
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Santa Cruz

From: [Bar Lowenberg](#)
To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: Please Choose Option B
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 9:34:39 AM

Dear Mayor Cummings, Vice-Mayor Meyers, and Councilmember Brown,

I agree with the Downtown Commons Advocates: please choose Option B: reconstruction of the Library at the Civic Center. Preserve Parking Lot 4 as the site of a future Downtown Commons and permanent Farmers' Market.

With appreciation for your caring consideration of this issue,
Bar Lowenberg
402 Lincoln Street
Santa Cruz

From: dnunns@cruzio.com
To: [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#)
Cc: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Please do not allow a mixed use building/library on lot 4
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 12:33:27 PM

Dear Subcommittee members,

Please do not allow a mixed use building to be built on lot 4 at Cedar and Cathcart Street in Santa Cruz.

I have shopped for years at the Farmers Market, and very much enjoy that community gathering space and having a place for our local farmers to bring their goods to us.

Historic preservation is very important to me, and I want the downtown library to remain in it's current location across from our historic Civic Center.

Our heritage trees and extremely important to our downtown, and our city in general, as not only do the provide shade, they provide habitat for any number of migrating birds, squirrels, and what may be thousands of species that live on and get nutrients from those trees. It is also a resting spot for those species. I've heard that birds return to the same tree during migration year after year, and if the tree is removed it not only disrupts the birds pattern, they eventually stop returning to the area.

As an avid bird watcher, I don't want that to happen.

Please keep this open space for our community, our farmers, and our local habitat.

Thank you,

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From: [Carolyn Kelley](#)
Subject: Support the Mixed Use Library/Housing Option
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:02:49 PM

Downtown Library Subcommittee - Santa Cruz City Council,

Please move forward with building the new library. The current library does not meet current community expectations and needs. Building a new one will give additional affordable housing while also providing more resources for the community.

The library alone is a very important community resource and one my family is passionate about. My family of five rely on the library for computers, movies, audio books, books, story time and play dates.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Kelley

From: [Jean Brocklebank](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Cc: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#)
Subject: Evaluation Criteria report card
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:59:43 AM

Hello Donna, Justin and Sandy ~

Two things for your consideration.

First is our Library Evaluation Criteria Report Card, which deals extensively with **all 55 criteria**. You may view it here: <https://dontburythelibrary.weebly.com/evaluation-criteria.html>

Second, as promised, here is a link to the beautiful graphic diagram for landscaping around the proposed rebuilt library that was shared at the June 2 Library Subcommittee meeting (including a short narrative of a connection to City Hall as part of the Civic Center): <https://dontburythelibrary.weebly.com/library-visions.html>.

You can click on the photo once there to enlarge it. Do take a look at some of the creative ideas, including a bioretention area/rain garden.

Since any alternative for the library is going to require extra funding for enhancements, this is a piece of the enhancement puzzle that we think the public would get behind with generous donations. It might even be a good project for an entity like Rotary. The funding possibilities are many.

It's only a vision, but people want to see what can be possible!

All the best,
Jean Brocklebank
on behalf of Don't Bury The Library