

# NORTH COUNTY LIBRARY AUTHORITY

2018 Revenue Measure Survey

Topline Report n=486 20-minutes Likely November 2018, Spring 2019, November 2019 and March 2020

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#### **METHODOLOGY**

#### Sample Universe:

- 19,685 Likely November 2018 Voters
- 17,800 Likely March 2020 Voters
- 14,414 Likely Mail Ballot 2019 Voters
- 9,400 Likely Special Election 2019 Voters
- 7,964 Likely November 2019 Voters

#### Sample Size:

- 486 Likely November 2018 Voters
- 454 Likely March 2020 Voters
- 396 Likely Mail Ballot 2019 Voters
- 316 Likely Special Election 2019 Voters
- 278 Likely November 2019 Voters

#### Marin of Error:

- Likely November 2018 Voters +4.39%

- Likely March 2020 Voters +4.54%
- Likely Mail Ballot 2019 Voters +4.86%
- Likely Special Election 2019 Voters +5.42%
- Likely November 2019 Voters +5.77%

Data Collection Mode: Landline (52), Cell (47), Email to Online (52), Text to Online (335) Data Collection Dates: June 25 to July 7, 2018

#### **INITIAL BALLOT TEST**

		Likely Nover	nber 201	8 Voter	Likely Mar	ch 2020 \	Voter	Likely Ma	il Ballot 2	2019	Likely Specia	al Electio	n 2019	Likely Nover	nber 2019	9 Voter
		Column N %	Count	∑or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean
1. To provide an earthquake-safe, energy-efficient library	Definitely Yes	19.2%	47		20.0%	44		20.5%	35		24.9%	28		21.3%	21	
including:	Probably Yes	29.5%	72		29.0%	64		33.0%	56		30.0%	34		32.2%	31	
•dedicated space for children and teen programs;	Probably No	18.0%	44		18.5%	41		16.3%	28		18.0%	20		18.2%	18	
•accessible space for book and resource collections;	Definitely No	22.3%	54		21.2%	47		18.3%	31		21.1%	24		21.2%	21	
•free wifi, public computers, active learning center, and charging	DK/NA	11.1%	27		11.3%	25		11.8%	20		6.0%	7		7.0%	7	
stations; •ādded collaborative space and meeting rooms;	Total Yes	48.7%	119		49.0%	109		53.5%	91		54.9%	63		53.5%	52	
•increased seating and quiet reading areas; and	Total No	40.2%	98		39.7%	88		34.7%	59		39.1%	45		39.5%	38	
<ul> <li>improved senior and disabled access;</li> <li>shall the measure authorizing the North County Library Authority to levy \$265 per parcel, providing an average of \$3.7 million dollars annually, for 30 years, requiring independent citizen oversight and annual audits, be adopted?</li> </ul>																
2. To provide an earthquake-safe, energy-efficient library	Definitely Yes	28.0%	68		30.8%	67		27.0%	50		28.5%	34		26.3%	26	
including:	Probably Yes	32.6%	79		28.2%	61		33.4%	61		29.8%	35		31.4%	31	
•dedicated space for children and teen programs;	Probably No	19.1%	46		20.1%	44		17.3%	32		16.5%	19		16.4%	16	
<ul> <li>accessible space for book and resource collections;</li> <li>free wifi, public computers, active learning center, and charging</li> </ul>	Definitely No	13.9%	34		13.8%	30		14.5%	27		14.9%	18		15.4%	15	
stations;	DK/NA	6.4%	16		7.1%	16		7.8%	14		10.5%	12		10.5%	10	
•added collaborative space and meeting rooms;	Total Yes	60.5%	146		59.0%	129		60.4%	111		58.4%	69		57.8%	56	
<ul> <li>increased seating and quiet reading areas; and</li> </ul>	Total No	33.0%	80		33.9%	74		31.8%	59		31.4%	37		31.8%	31	
•improved senior and disabled access; shall the measure authorizing North County Library Authority to issue \$55 million dollars in bonds at legal rates, providing approximately \$3.7 million dollars annually, for 30 years, assessing \$17 dollars per \$100,000 requiring independent oversight, be adopted?																

#### **FEATURES OF THE MEASURE**

		Likely Nover	nber 201	8 Voter	Likely Mar	ch 2020 \	Voter	Likely Ma	il Ballot 2	2019	Likely Speci	al Electio	n 2019	Likely Nover	mber 2019	9 Voter
		Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean
	Much more likely	26.5%	129	58.6%	26.2%	115	58.0%	28.3%	100	59.5%	25.7%	60	53.9%	25.4%	49	53.2%
	Somewhat more likely	32.1%	156		31.8%	140		31.2%	110		28.2%	65		27.8%	54	1
3A. Provide dedicated space for children and teen programs	No effect	28.3%	138		27.5%	121		24.6%	87		27.5%	64		27.5%	53	
SA. Provide dedicated space for children and teen programs	Somewhat less likely	3.7%	18		4.1%	18		4.8%	17		5.6%	13		5.0%	10	
	Much less likely	7.7%	37		8.5%	37		8.7%	31		10.2%	24		11.1%	22	
	DK/NA	1.7%	8		1.9%	8		2.3%	8		3.1%	7		3.2%	6	
	Much more likely	21.8%	106	53.0%	23.1%	102	54.7%	20.9%	74	55.9%	24.2%	56	59.1%	24.6%	48	59.8%
	Somewhat more likely	31.2%	152		31.6%	139		35.0%	124		34.9%	81		35.1%	68	
3B. Provide improved accessibility to book and resource	No effect	34.1%	166		31.0%	136		30.6%	108		27.4%	64		25.5%	50	
collections for seniors and disabled residents	Somewhat less likely	4.3%	21		4.8%	21		3.0%	11		2.5%	6		3.0%	6	
	Much less likely	7.4%	36		8.2%	36		8.9%	32		9.4%	22		9.6%	19	
	DK/NA	1.2%	6		1.3%	6		1.6%	6		1.8%	4		2.1%	4	
	Much more likely	21.7%	105	55.9%	23.2%	102	55.2%	21.4%	76	56.1%	22.5%	52	52.2%	21.1%	41	53.2%
	Somewhat more likely	34.3%	166		32.1%	141		34.7%	123		29.7%	69		32.1%	62	
3C. Provide a technology center with free wifi, public computers,	No effect	28.4%	138		28.9%	127		27.3%	97		28.3%	66		26.9%	52	
and charging stations	Somewhat less likely	7.5%	36		6.9%	30		6.7%	24	1	7.6%	18		6.8%	13	
	Much less likely	6.8%	33		7.4%	33		8.0%	28		10.1%	23		10.7%	21	
	DK/NA	1.4%	7		1.5%	7		1.9%	7		2.0%	5		2.3%	5	<u> </u>
	Much more likely	18.8%	91	45.6%	16.9%	74	43.6%	18.1%	64	46.4%	17.9%	41	44.2%	16.7%	32	43.3%
	Somewhat more likely	26.8%	130		26.8%	118		28.3%	100		26.3%	61	,.	26.7%	52	
	No effect	32.4%	157		33.0%	145		30.8%	109		32.3%	75		31.7%	61	<u> </u>
3D. Add collaborative space and meeting rooms	Somewhat less likely	9.2%	45		9.9%	43		10.0%	35		10.1%	23		11.6%	23	<u> </u>
	Much less likely	10.9%	53		11.6%	51		11.0%	39		11.9%	28		11.4%	22	<u> </u>
	DK/NA	1.9%	9		1.9%	8		1.9%	7		1.7%	4		2.0%	4	
	Much more likely	20.7%	100	53.2%	22.3%	98	52.6%	21.4%	76	53.5%	23.1%	54	51.6%	24.0%	47	51.1%
	Somewhat more likely	32.5%	158	55.270	30.2%	133	52.070	32.1%	114	33.370	28.5%	66	51.070	27.1%	53	51.170
	No effect	33.1%	161		33.5%	147		31.9%	113		32.0%	74		31.7%	61	
3E. Increase seating and quiet reading areas	Somewhat less likely	5.1%	25		4.9%	21		5.7%	20		5.6%	13		6.2%	12	
	Much less likely	7.4%	36		7.6%	34		7.2%	25		9.5%	22		9.8%	19	
	DK/NA	1.3%	6		1.4%	6		1.2%	6		9.5 % 1.5%	3		9.8%	2	
	Much more likely	22.0%	107	52.1%	22.9%	101	55.5%	23.5%	83	53.7%	26.4%	61	59.3%	26.7%	52	58.8%
	Somewhat more likely	30.1%	146	52.1%	32.6%	143	55.5%	30.2%	107	55.7%	32.8%	76	39.3%	32.1%	62	30.0%
	No effect	35.8%	140		32.6%	143		32.9%	117		25.7%	60		25.8%	50	<b> </b>
3F. Improve senior and disabled access	Somewhat less likely	5.0%	24	ł	5.0%	22		5.0%	18		5.4%	13		5.8%	11	<u> </u>
	Much less likely	5.0%	24	<u> </u>	5.0% 6.4%	22		5.0% 6.7%	24		5.4%	13		5.8%	16	
	DK/NA	5.8%	28 6	<u> </u>	6.4% 1.4%	28		6.7%	24 6		2.2%	18 5		8.0%	16 3	
		22.9%	111	51.1%	20.7%	91	48.5%	21.4%	76	53.7%	2.2%	5 48	50.6%	1.5%	36	49.7%
	Much more likely Somewhat more likely	22.9%	111	51.1%	20.7%	91 122	40.5%	32.3%	115	55.1%	20.9%	48 69	50.6%	18.3% 31.4%	36 61	49.1%
20. Browide flowible library appear for new othersed on the	· · · ·	28.2%	137	<u> </u>	32.0%	122		32.3% 26.5%	94		29.8%	69 65		31.4% 28.2%	55	
3G. Provide flexible library space for new advanced and emerging technology		30.3%	41	<u> </u>	32.0% 8.2%	141 36		26.5%	94 28	<u> </u>	7.2%	65 17		28.2%	55 14	<u> </u>
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	Much less likely DK/NA	7.8% 2.4%	38 12	<u> </u>	8.6%	38 12		8.8%	-	<u> </u>	10.6%			10.3%	20	<u> </u>
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	Much more likely		131	58.5%			56.7%		97	60.4%	23.0%	53	54.2%		-	53.1%
	Somewhat more likely	31.6%	154	ł	31.5%	138		33.0%	117		31.2%	72		32.5%	63	┝───
3H. Provide space for science, technology, engineering and math		24.8%	120	<u> </u>	26.1%	115		22.4%	79		25.8%	60		25.2%	49	<b> </b>
programs for youth and teens	Somewhat less likely	7.0%	34	<u> </u>	6.6%	29		7.2%	26		9.2%	21		10.1%	20	<b> </b>
	Much less likely	8.9%	43		9.8%	43		8.9%	32		10.0%	23		10.3%	20	──
	DK/NA	0.7%	4		0.8%	4		1.0%	4		1.1%	3		1.3%	3	i

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		Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑or Mean
	Much more likely	28.4%	62	61.6%	28.8%	58	61.7%	29.9%	48	63.2%	31.4%	33	59.1%	31.7%	27	60.6%
	Somewhat more likely	33.2%	72		32.9%	66		33.3%	53		27.7%	29		28.9%	25	
3I. Replace the aging Library with a safe, energy-efficient library	No effect	21.2%	46		20.0%	40		19.1%	31		18.9%	20		18.0%	16	
that meets current safety codes for earthquake, fire and offers ADA accessibility	Somewhat less likely	6.9%	15		7.2%	15		5.5%	9		8.0%	8		7.0%	6	
ADA accessionity	Much less likely	8.6%	19		9.1%	18		9.9%	16		10.6%	11		9.9%	8	
	DK/NA	1.8%	4		1.9%	4		2.4%	4		3.7%	4		4.5%	4	
	Much more likely	21.7%	47	51.5%	22.7%	46	52.9%	20.9%	33	52.7%	20.4%	21	52.3%	18.5%	16	49.9%
	Somewhat more likely	29.8%	65		30.2%	61		31.9%	51		31.9%	33		31.4%	27	
3J. Create library space for free family programs, activities, and	No effect	28.9%	63		26.9%	54		26.5%	42		25.0%	26		26.1%	22	
classes	Somewhat less likely	6.7%	15		7.1%	14		7.0%	11		6.4%	7		7.8%	7	
	Much less likely	11.8%	26		12.0%	24		12.3%	20		14.2%	15		14.8%	13	
	DK/NA	1.1%	2		1.2%	2		1.5%	2		2.2%	2		1.5%	1	
	Much more likely	16.5%	36	45.5%	17.1%	34	44.2%	15.2%	24	47.5%	13.5%	14	44.3%	13.4%	12	43.8%
	Somewhat more likely	29.0%	63		27.1%	55		32.3%	52		30.8%	32		30.4%	26	
	No effect	35.0%	76		34.9%	70		31.7%	51		32.9%	34		30.9%	27	
3K. Provide a separate teen area in the Library	Somewhat less likely	8.0%	17		8.5%	17		7.9%	13		7.0%	7		7.5%	6	İ
	Much less likely	10.7%	23		11.6%	23		11.9%	19		15.3%	16		17.0%	15	
	DK/NA	0.8%	2		0.8%	2		1.0%	2		0.6%	1		0.8%	1	
	Much more likely	27.0%	59	59.8%	28.3%	57	59.9%	28.2%	45	62.0%	33.7%	35	64.3%	33.1%	28	64.4%
	Somewhat more likely	32.8%	72		31.7%	64		33.8%	54		30.6%	32		31.3%	27	
3L. Provide a safe, energy-efficient library that meets earthquake	No effect	26.6%	58		26.8%	54		25.1%	40		21.8%	23		21.3%	18	
and fire codes	Somewhat less likely	5.5%	12		5.9%	12		6.4%	10		6.1%	6		6.1%	5	
	Much less likely	6.9%	15		7.0%	14		6.1%	10		7.3%	8		7.4%	6	
	DK/NA	1.2%	3		0.3%	1		0.4%	1		0.6%	1		0.8%	1	
	Much more likely	15.8%	35	49.3%	16.3%	33	49.3%	14.8%	24	51.0%	17.5%	18	52.1%	16.3%	14	50.2%
	Somewhat more likely	33.5%	73		33.0%	66		36.2%	58		34.6%	36		33.8%	29	
	No effect	30.8%	67		30.0%	60		27.3%	44		23.4%	24		25.6%	22	
3M. Provide flexible space for active learning	Somewhat less likely	7.6%	17		7.5%	15		8.9%	14		8.1%	8		8.3%	7	
	Much less likely	9.6%	21		10.4%	21		9.2%	15		13.5%	14		13.4%	11	
	DK/NA	2.6%	6		2.9%	6		3.6%	6		3.1%	3		2.6%	2	
	Much more likely	28.1%	75	64.0%	27.5%	65	65.7%	31.3%	61	66.8%	28.8%	37	62.4%	28.2%	30	62.0%
3N. Provide a safe, energy-efficient library with space for senior	Somewhat more likely	35.9%	96		38.2%	91		35.5%	69		33.6%	43		33.8%	37	
reading; after-school homework programs; children's story times	No effect	21.5%	58		20.3%	48		19.0%	37		21.8%	28		21.5%	23	
and collection; and, public access computers and active learning	Somewhat less likely	7.0%	19		5.6%	13		3.8%	7		4.1%	5		4.2%	4	
center	Much less likely	5.7%	15	1	6.5%	15	1	7.9%	15	1	9.6%	12	1	9.6%	10	
	DK/NA	1.8%	5		2.0%	5		2.4%	5		2.2%	3		2.7%	3	
	Much more likely	18.1%	49	52.4%	18.2%	43	53.4%	17.5%	34	50.8%	20.0%	26	50.5%	20.6%	22	51.2%
	Somewhat more likely	34.3%	92		35.1%	84		33.3%	65		30.6%	39		30.6%	33	İ
30. Provide space for adult and student literacy and tutoring	No effect	36.1%	97		33.7%	80		35.7%	69		34.5%	44		33.9%	37	
programs	Somewhat less likely	3.0%	8		3.3%	8		2.9%	6		3.2%	4		3.8%	4	
	Much less likely	7.0%	19		7.8%	19		8.5%	17		9.9%	13		8.7%	9	İ
	DK/NA	1.5%	4		1.7%	4		2.1%	4		2.0%	3		2.4%	3	
	Much more likely	18.9%	51	51.5%	19.2%	46	49.8%	18.2%	35	51.7%	19.5%	25	48.0%	17.4%	19	46.5%
	Somewhat more likely	32.6%	87	1	30.6%	73	1	33.5%	65	1	28.5%	36	1	29.1%	31	
3P. Provide library space for large and small community meetings		27.9%	75	1	28.5%	68	1	28.9%	56	1	31.2%	40	1	31.1%	34	
and education classrooms	Somewhat less likely	9.9%	27		9.7%	23		7.9%	15		9.2%	12		10.1%	11	1
	Much less likely	7.9%	21	1	8.9%	21		7.6%	15	1	10.3%	13	1	10.4%	11	
	DK/NA	2.8%	7	İ	3.1%	7		3.8%	7		1.5%	2	İ	1.8%	2	<u> </u>

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	Much more likely	23.9%	64	54.5%	21.9%	52	54.2%	23.6%	46	55.1%	19.7%	25	46.2%	18.7%	20	46.8%
	Somewhat more likely	30.6%	82		32.3%	77		31.5%	61		26.5%	34		28.1%	30	[
3Q. Include updated wiring to accommodate personal computers	No effect	25.8%	69		25.9%	62		24.6%	48		28.5%	36		27.1%	29	
and other personal electronic devices in the Library	Somewhat less likely	7.2%	19		8.1%	19		6.9%	13		10.5%	13		12.4%	13	
	Much less likely	11.2%	30		10.3%	25		11.6%	22		12.2%	16		10.4%	11	[
	DK/NA	1.3%	4		1.5%	4		1.8%	4		2.8%	4		3.3%	4	
	Much more likely	21.6%	58	56.7%	23.6%	56	58.7%	23.2%	45	55.9%	25.1%	32	53.4%	24.4%	26	52.1%
	Somewhat more likely	35.1%	94		35.1%	83		32.7%	64		28.3%	36		27.7%	30	[
3R. Provide library space for summer reading programs for	No effect	31.1%	83		28.9%	69		31.1%	61		32.9%	42		34.4%	37	
school age children	Somewhat less likely	6.1%	16		5.5%	13		4.6%	9		4.8%	6		4.5%	5	1
	Much less likely	4.8%	13		5.4%	13		6.6%	13		7.5%	10		7.1%	8	
	DK/NA	1.3%	3		1.4%	3		1.8%	3		1.6%	2		1.9%	2	

#### FEATURES OF THE MEASURE - RANKED BY INTENSITY MEAN SCORE

	Likely Nove	mber 201	8 Voter	Likely Mar	ch 2020 \	Voter	Likely Ma	il Ballot 2	019	Likely Speci	al Electio	n 2019	Likely Nover	nber 201	9 Voter
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3N. Provide a safe, energy-efficient library with space for senior														1	
reading; after-school homework programs; children's story times			0.75			0.76			0.80			0.69		۱	0.69
and collection; and, public access computers and active learning			0.75			0.70			0.00			0.09		۱	0.05
center														<u>'</u>	
3L. Provide a safe, energy-efficient library that meets earthquake			0.68			0.69			0.72			0.78		۱	0.77
and fire codes			0.00			0.00			0.72			0.10		L'	
3I. Replace the aging Library with a safe, energy-efficient library														۱	
that meets current safety codes for earthquake, fire and offers			0.67			0.66			0.69			0.65		۱	0.69
ADA accessibility														<u>لــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ</u>	╡────
3A. Provide dedicated space for children and teen programs			0.67			0.64			0.67			0.55		<u>'</u>	0.53
3R. Provide library space for summer reading programs for school age children			0.63			0.67			0.62			0.59			0.59
3H. Provide space for science, technology, engineering and math			0.61			0.56			0.63			0.48		1	0.43
programs for youth and teens			0.01			0.50			0.05			0.40		!	0.45
3F. Improve senior and disabled access			0.58			0.61			0.60			0.66		۱	0.65
3C. Provide a technology center with free wifi, public computers,			0.57			0.58			0.56			0.48		,	0.47
and charging stations			0.57			0.50			0.50			0.40		<u>ا</u>	0.47
3B. Provide improved accessibility to book and resource			0.56			0.57			0.57			0.63		۱	0.63
collections for seniors and disabled residents			0.00			0.01			0.07			0.00		!	0.00
3E. Increase seating and quiet reading areas			0.55			0.56			0.56			0.51		<u>ا</u>	0.50
30. Provide space for adult and student literacy and tutoring			0.54			0.54			0.49			0.48		í '	0.52
programs			0.54			0.54			0.49			0.46		<u>ا</u>	0.52
3G. Provide flexible library space for new advanced and emerging			0.51			0.45			0.51			0.45		۱	0.42
technology			0.51			0.45			0.51			0.45			0.42
3Q. Include updated wiring to accommodate personal computers			0.50			0.48			0.50			0.32		۱	0.33
and other personal electronic devices in the Library			0.00			0.10			0.00			0.02		L'	0.00
3P. Provide library space for large and small community meetings			0.46			0.43			0.49			0.38		۱	0.34
and education classrooms					L									<u>ا</u> ــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ	<u> </u>
3J. Create library space for free family programs, activities, and classes			0.43			0.45			0.43			0.39		L	0.32
3M. Provide flexible space for active learning			0.39			0.39			0.40			0.36		I	0.32
3D. Add collaborative space and meeting rooms			0.34			0.28			0.33			0.29			0.26
3K. Provide a separate teen area in the Library			0.33			0.30			0.31			0.21		,	0.16

#### **INFORMATIONAL STATEMENTS**

		Likely Nover	mber 201	8 Voter	Likely Mar	ch 2020 \		Likely Ma	il Ballot 2		Likely Speci	ial Electio		Likely Nover	mber 201	
		Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean
	Much more likely to vote yes	16.8%	81	29.5%	15.6%	69	29.1%	17.2%	61	29.7%	18.7%	43	29.7%	18.2%	35	28.2%
4A. The North County Library Authority oversees two libraries	Somewhat more likely to vote	12.7%	62		13.5%	59		12.5%	44		11.0%	25		10.0%	19	
located in Los Altos on behalf of residents in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.	yes No effect	65.4%	318		65.8%	289		64.5%	229		64.2%	149		66.4%	129	
	DK/NA	5.2%	25		5.1%	203		5.9%	223		6.3%	145		5.4%	123	
	Much more likely to vote yes	28.7%	139	57.2%	29.6%	130	56.7%	30.5%	108	60.6%	28.8%	67	56.1%	27.8%	54	56.8%
4B. The measure will provide a state-of-the-art library that meets the educational and development needs of families and life-long	Somewhat more likely to vote yes	28.5%	138		27.1%	119		30.1%	107		27.3%	63		29.0%	56	
learners from early literacy, K-12, college, career and personal	No effect	39.6%	192		40.4%	177		35.8%	127		41.0%	95		41.0%	80	
growth.	DK/NA	3.2%	16		2.9%	13		3.6%	13		3.1%	7		2.2%	4	
	Much more likely to vote yes	27.0%	131	54.4%	26.5%	116	53.0%	28.0%	99	56.4%	28.6%	66	53.8%	27.2%	53	54.1%
4C. The measure will provide a modern library that is designed for community programming, meeting and collaboration areas and	Somewhat more likely to vote ves	27.3%	133		26.5%	116		28.5%	101		25.2%	58		26.9%	52	
dedicated quiet study and reading areas.	No effect	42.3%	206		43.7%	192		40.5%	144		43.1%	100		43.6%	85	
	DK/NA	3.3%	16		3.3%	15		3.1%	11		3.2%	7		2.3%	5	
	Much more likely to vote yes	26.8%	130	55.4%	25.4%	112	55.5%	26.8%	95	56.4%	24.1%	56	51.7%	22.7%	44	50.9%
4D. The measure will provide a safe, accessible library space to provide free community classes and programs for all ages and	Somewhat more likely to vote yes	28.6%	139		30.1%	132		29.7%	105		27.6%	64		28.2%	55	
interests.	No effect	41.1%	200		40.9%	180		39.6%	141		44.6%	104		45.5%	88	
	DK/NA	3.5%	17		3.6%	16		3.9%	14		3.9%	9		3.7%	7	
	Much more likely to vote yes	24.8%	120	54.7%	26.0%	114	54.7%	27.0%	96	54.5%	26.6%	62	52.9%	25.0%	49	51.6%
4E. The measure will provide space for a robust collection of printed and digital materials, resources and services for all ages,	Somewhat more likely to vote yes	30.0%	146		28.7%	126		27.5%	98		26.2%	61		26.6%	52	
reflecting the many interests of the community.	No effect	42.2%	205		42.2%	185		42.0%	149		43.1%	100		45.5%	88	
	DK/NA	3.1%	15		3.1%	14		3.5%	13		4.2%	10		2.9%	6	
	Much more likely to vote yes	34.8%	169	61.7%	34.9%	153	62.0%	36.6%	130	63.1%	38.1%	88	63.1%	38.2%	74	63.3%
4F. The measure will give the North County Library Authority local control over local funds for local needs. The money cannot be	Somewhat more likely to vote yes	26.8%	130		27.1%	119		26.5%	94		25.0%	58		25.0%	49	
taken by the State or either City.	No effect	34.8%	169		35.1%	154		33.7%	119		35.2%	82		36.1%	70	
	DK/NA	3.6%	17		2.9%	13		3.2%	12		1.9%	4		0.6%	1	
	Much more likely to vote yes	32.3%	157	62.5%	32.0%	141	62.1%	34.6%	123	64.2%	36.5%	85	62.6%	36.4%	71	63.6%
4G. The measure requires independent citizen oversight, mandatory financial audits, and yearly reports to the community	Somewhat more likely to vote yes	30.2%	147		30.1%	132		29.6%	105		26.1%	60		27.2%	53	
to ensure that all funds are spent as promised	No effect	34.5%	168		34.8%	153		32.0%	114		33.9%	79		33.1%	64	
	DK/NA	3.0%	15		3.1%	13		3.8%	13		3.7%	9		3.3%	6	
4H. All of the funds will be used for the library and none of the	Much more likely to vote yes Somewhat more likely to vote	44.2% 25.0%	215 121	69.2%	45.1% 23.2%	198 102	68.3%	47.1% 22.8%	167 81	69.9%	45.8% 19.4%	106 45	65.2%	45.9% 19.7%	89 38	65.6%
money raised by the measure would be used for City or Town	yes					-						-				
administrator salaries.	No effect	28.6%	139		29.6%	130		27.4%	97		31.8%	74		31.7%	61	
	DK/NA	2.2%	11 160	60.8%	2.2% 33.1%	9 145	60.4%	2.7% 35.2%	9 125	62.8%	3.2% 35.2%	7 82	59.6%	2.7% 34.6%	5	58.0%
4I. The Main Library in Los Altos was built in 1964, remodeled in 1993, and is the oldest library in the County Library District.	Much more likely to vote yes Somewhat more likely to vote	33.0% 27.8%	160	60.8%	33.1% 27.3%	145	60.4%	35.2% 27.6%	98	62.8%	35.2% 24.4%	82 57	59.6%	23.4%	67 45	58.0%
Improvements are needed to address outdated conditions, poor	yes No effect	35.8%	174		36.3%	160		33.5%	119		37.1%	86		38.4%	75	
lighting, and lack of space for seating, book collections	DK/NA	35.8%	174		36.3%	160		33.5%	119		37.1%	80		38.4%	75	
	Much more likely to vote yes	34.0%	165	62.3%	36.0%	158	61.2%	36.2%	128	65.8%	35.7%	83	59.5%	34.7%	67	59.8%
4J. The Main Library was built in 1964 and may be unusable following a major earthquake or disaster. This measure would	Somewhat more likely to vote	28.2%	137	02.3%	25.2%	158	01.270	29.6%	128	03.0%	23.8%	55	39.3%	25.2%	49	33.0%
provide a seismically safe library for residents to use for years to	yes No effect	34.1%	166		35.1%	154		30.5%	108		36.4%	84		36.8%	71	
come.	DK/NA	3.6%	18	<u> </u>	3.7%	16		3.8%	13		4.3%	10		3.4%	7	
	Much more likely to vote yes	27.8%	135	56.1%	27.2%	120	54.9%	29.2%	104	59.3%	26.1%	61	52.2%	23.3%	45	51.4%
4K. Library programs for children and teens, including homework help, reading resources, and science, technology, engineering,	Somewhat more likely to vote yes	28.4%	138	00.170	27.7%	120	0070	30.0%	104	00.070	26.1%	61	52.275	28.1%	55	0
and math programs are critical to providing our students with the	ves No effect	40.4%	196		41.2%	181		36.5%	130		44.5%	103		45.5%	88	
resources they need.	DK/NA	3.5%	17	1	3.8%	17		4.2%	15		3.4%	8		3.1%	6	

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	Much more likely to vote yes	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean
		24.8%	61	44.1%	25.2%	56	43.0%	25.7%	44	47.3%	31.0%	35	50.7%	34.0%	33	53.8%
4L. Senior citizens can be exempted from the measure	Somewhat more likely to vote yes	19.3%	47		17.8%	39		21.5%	37		19.7%	22		19.9%	19	
	No effect	47.0%	115		47.8%	106		43.5%	74		44.5%	51		41.6%	40	
	DK/NA	8.9%	22		9.3%	21		9.2%	16		4.8%	5		4.5%	4	

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	Likely Nove	mber 201	8 Voter	Likely Mar	ch 2020 \	Voter	Likely Ma	il Ballot 2	019	Likely Speci	al Electio	n 2019	Likely Nover	nber 2019	9 Voter
	Column N %	Count	∑or	Column N %	Count	∑or	Column N %	Count	∑or	Column N %	Count	∑or	Column N %	Count	∑or
4H. All of the funds will be used for the library and none of the			Mean			Mean			Mean			Mean			Mean
money raised by the measure would be used for City or Town			1.16			1.16			1.20			1.14			1.15
administrator salaries.						-									-
4F. The measure will give the North County Library Authority local															
control over local funds for local needs. The money cannot be			1.00			1.00			1.03			1.03			1.02
taken by the State or either City.															
4J. The Main Library was built in 1964 and may be unusable															
following a major earthquake or disaster. This measure would			1.00			1.01			1.06			0.99			0.98
provide a seismically safe library for residents to use for years to			1.00			1.01			1.00			0.99			0.90
come.															
4G. The measure requires independent citizen oversight,															1
mandatory financial audits, and yearly reports to the community			0.98			0.97			1.03			1.03			1.03
to ensure that all funds are spent as promised															
4I. The Main Library in Los Altos was built in 1964, remodeled in															
1993, and is the oldest library in the County Library District.			0.97			0.97			1.02			0.98			0.96
Improvements are needed to address outdated conditions, poor			0.07			0.07			1.02			0.00			0.00
lighting, and lack of space for seating, book collections															
4B. The measure will provide a state-of-the-art library that meets															
the educational and development needs of families and life-long			0.89			0.89			0.94			0.87			0.86
learners from early literacy, K-12, college, career and personal															
growth.															
4K. Library programs for children and teens, including homework															
help, reading resources, and science, technology, engineering,			0.87			0.85			0.92			0.81			0.77
and math programs are critical to providing our students with the															-
resources they need.															L
4D. The measure will provide a safe, accessible library space to															
provide free community classes and programs for all ages and			0.85			0.84			0.87			0.79			0.76
interests. 4C. The measure will provide a modern library that is designed for															<b> </b>
4C. The measure will provide a modern library that is designed for community programming, meeting and collaboration areas and			0.84			0.82			0.87			0.85			0.83
dedicated quiet study and reading areas.			0.04			0.02			0.07			0.00			0.03
4E. The measure will provide space for a robust collection of															
printed and digital materials, resources and services for all ages,			0.82			0.83			0.84			0.83			0.79
reflecting the many interests of the community.			0.02			0.00			0.04			0.00			0.13
4L. Senior citizens can be exempted from the measure			0.76			0.75			0.80			0.86			0.92
			0.70			0.75			0.80			08.0			0.92
4A. The North County Library Authority oversees two libraries			0.40			0.47			0.50			0.50			0.40
located in Los Altos on behalf of residents in Los Altos and Los			0.49			0.47			0.50			0.52			0.49
Altos Hills.															L

#### **CRITICAL STATEMENTS**

		Likely Nover	nber 201	8 Voter	Likely Mar	ch 2020 \	Voter	Likely Ma	il Ballot 2	019	Likely Speci	al Electic	on 2019	Likely Nover	mber 2019	9 Voter
		Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean
	Much more likely to vote no	15.7%	76	32.8%	16.5%	73	29.6%	15.5%	55	32.6%	17.3%	40	30.8%	17.3%	34	33.4%
5A. The City of Los Altos and Town of Los Altos Hills wouldn't need this measure if they hadn't wasted our tax dollars, and this	Somewhat more likely to vote	17.1%	83		13.1%	57		17.1%	61		13.5%	31		16.1%	31	1
measure just gives the two cities a blank check.	No effect	58.6%	285		62.0%	272		57.3%	203		59.5%	138		55.9%	109	
	DK/NA	8.6%	42		8.4%	37		10.1%	36		9.8%	23		10.6%	21	
	Much more likely to vote no	18.3%	89	34.8%	17.2%	76	34.8%	19.5%	69	36.5%	20.8%	48	37.1%	21.1%	41	38.7%
5B. Public employee salaries, benefits and pensions are out of control. We need to contain these costs before we look at	Somewhat more likely to vote no	16.5%	80		17.5%	77		17.0%	60		16.3%	38		17.6%	34	
increasing taxes.	No effect	57.1%	278		56.6%	249		54.3%	193		56.0%	130		53.4%	104	[
	DK/NA	8.0%	39		8.6%	38		9.2%	33		7.1%	16		7.9%	15	
	Much more likely to vote no	16.7%	81	39.5%	18.4%	81	40.5%	16.9%	60	37.9%	19.6%	45	39.0%	18.7%	36	38.4%
5C. The current libraries are well maintained, and we don't need a	Somewhat more likely to vote	22.7%	110		22.1%	97		21.0%	75		19.5%	45		19.7%	38	
new library.	No effect	52.3%	254		52.2%	229		52.7%	187		53.1%	123		54.2%	105	
	DK/NA	8.2%	40		7.4%	32		9.4%	33		8.1%	19		7.5%	14	
	Much more likely to vote no	25.4%	124	48.1%	25.2%	111	46.9%	25.2%	89	46.9%	24.4%	57	45.3%	24.5%	48	46.6%
5D. Voters have already passed millions of dollars in school property taxes, State income taxes and County sales tax	Somewhat more likely to vote no	22.7%	110		21.7%	95		21.7%	77		20.8%	48		22.1%	43	
increases in the last few years. Enough is enough, taxes are already too high.	No effect	46.0%	224		47.3%	208		46.8%	166		48.7%	113		47.1%	92	1
aneady too mgn.	DK/NA	5.9%	28		5.8%	26		6.3%	22		6.2%	14		6.3%	12	
	Much more likely to vote no	11.9%	58	27.5%	12.9%	57	27.9%	11.9%	42	27.2%	16.0%	37	29.6%	16.2%	31	31.5%
5E. With the educational and research resources available on the internet, we don't need an updated library building in the 21st	Somewhat more likely to vote no	15.6%	76		15.0%	66		15.3%	54		13.6%	31		15.3%	30	
century.	No effect	65.2%	317		64.3%	283		65.1%	231		63.6%	148		60.7%	118	1
	DK/NA	7.3%	36		7.8%	34		7.7%	27		7.0%	16		7.8%	15	[
	Much more likely to vote no	11.0%	54	19.4%	11.1%	49	18.0%	9.0%	32	18.2%	9.9%	23	17.9%	9.5%	18	17.6%
5F. A new library changes the rural character of the Los Altos	Somewhat more likely to vote no	8.4%	41		6.9%	30		9.3%	33		8.0%	19		8.1%	16	
Civic Center.	No effect	73.4%	357		74.8%	328		74.5%	264		75.0%	174		75.5%	147	
	DK/NA	7.2%	35		7.2%	32		7.3%	26		7.3%	17		6.9%	13	
5G. The State has increased gas taxes and vehicle registration	Much more likely to vote no	25.6%	124	46.1%	24.9%	109	44.3%	24.2%	86	46.0%	22.7%	53	42.8%	21.7%	42	43.0%
fees, and the Bay Area regional government increased bridge tolls. Instead of asking for more taxes, the State and local	Somewhat more likely to vote no	20.5%	99		19.5%	86		21.8%	77		20.1%	47		21.3%	41	
governments need to cut waste and do a better job with taxpayer	No effect	49.5%	240		51.0%	224		49.7%	176		53.4%	124		52.9%	103	(
money	DK/NA	4.5%	22		4.7%	21		4.3%	15		3.9%	9		4.1%	8	
	Much more likely to vote no	23.0%	112	47.7%	22.4%	98	46.2%	21.3%	75	48.0%	20.2%	47	42.5%	19.3%	38	43.3%
5H. With high State and local taxes no longer all being deductible,	Somewhat more likely to vote no	24.6%	120		23.8%	105		26.7%	95		22.3%	52		24.0%	47	
we can't afford another local tax.	No effect	44.4%	216		45.2%	199		43.2%	153		49.2%	114		48.1%	93	
	DK/NA	8.0%	39		8.6%	38		8.9%	31		8.5%	20		8.6%	17	(

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	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean
5D. Voters have already passed millions of dollars in school															
property taxes, State income taxes and County sales tax			0.78			0.77			0.77			0.74			0.76
increases in the last few years. Enough is enough, taxes are			0.78			0.77			0.77			0.74			0.70
already too high.															<u> </u>
5H. With high State and local taxes no longer all being deductible,			0.77			0.75			0.76			0.68			0.69
we can't afford another local tax.			0.77			0.75			0.70			0.00			0.03
5G. The State has increased gas taxes and vehicle registration															
fees, and the Bay Area regional government increased bridge															
tolls. Instead of asking for more taxes, the State and local			0.75			0.73			0.73			0.68			0.67
governments need to cut waste and do a better job with taxpayer															
money															
5C. The current libraries are well maintained, and we don't need a			0.61			0.63			0.61			0.64			0.62
new library.			0.01			0.03			0.01			0.04			0.02
5B. Public employee salaries, benefits and pensions are out of															
control. We need to contain these costs before we look at			0.58			0.57			0.62			0.62			0.65
increasing taxes.															
5A. The City of Los Altos and Town of Los Altos Hills wouldn't															
need this measure if they hadn't wasted our tax dollars, and this			0.53			0.50			0.54			0.53			0.57
measure just gives the two cities a blank check.															
5E. With the educational and research resources available on the															
internet, we don't need an updated library building in the 21st			0.43			0.44			0.42			0.49			0.52
century.															
5F. A new library changes the rural character of the Los Altos			0.33			0.31			0.29			0.30			0.29
Civic Center.			0.33			0.31			0.29			0.30			0.29

#### **INFORMED BALLOT TEST & TAX THRESHOLDS – PARCEL TAX**

		Likely Nover	nber 201	8 Voter	Likely Mar	ch 2020 \	Voter	Likely Ma	il Ballot 2	019	Likely Specia	al Electio	n 2019	Likely Nover	nber 2019	9 Voter
		Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean
6. To provide an earthquake-safe, energy-efficient library	Definitely Yes	22.2%	54		23.5%	52		25.2%	43		26.8%	31		24.1%	23	í
including:	Probably Yes	28.7%	70		28.0%	62		32.5%	55		29.1%	33		30.6%	30	I
•dedicated space for children and teen programs;	Probably No	17.7%	43		18.8%	42		16.8%	29		17.6%	20		17.9%	17	I
<ul> <li>accessible space for book and resource collections;</li> </ul>	Definitely No	22.7%	56		21.7%	48		19.7%	33		21.9%	25		22.2%	22	I
•free wifi, public computers, active learning center, and charging	DK/NA	8.7%	21		8.1%	18		5.8%	10		4.5%	5		5.3%	5	1
stations; •added collaborative space and meeting rooms;	Total Yes	50.9%	124		51.5%	114		57.7%	98		55.9%	64		54.7%	53	i
•increased seating and quiet reading areas; and	Total No	40.4%	99		40.5%	90		36.5%	62		39.6%	45		40.0%	39	1
•improved senior and disabled access; shall the measure authorizing the North County Library Authority to levy \$265 per parcel, providing an average of \$3.7 million dollars annually, for 30 years, requiring independent citizen oversight and annual audits, be adopted?																
	Definitely Yes	15.1%	37		15.6%	35		16.2%	28		17.7%	20		15.5%	15	
	Probably Yes	20.1%	49		21.3%	47		23.2%	40		23.3%	27		23.3%	23	i i
	Probably No	19.6%	48		19.7%	44		19.7%	34		17.0%	19		16.0%	16	i
7A. \$365 dollars per year	Definitely No	33.6%	82		33.8%	75		32.1%	55		34.2%	39		36.6%	36	1
	DK/NA	11.7%	29		9.5%	21		8.9%	15		7.7%	9		8.5%	8	1
	Total Yes	35.1%	86		37.0%	82		39.4%	67		41.0%	47		38.8%	38	I
	Total No	53.2%	130		53.5%	118		51.7%	88		51.2%	58		52.6%	51	
	Definitely Yes	24.2%	59		24.6%	55		27.3%	46		29.2%	33		26.9%	26	1
	Probably Yes	20.1%	49		22.0%	49		24.7%	42		22.1%	25		24.4%	24	
	Probably No	17.4%	43		19.1%	42		16.5%	28		14.3%	16		13.9%	14	1
7B. \$265 dollars per year	Definitely No	24.2%	59		23.0%	51		21.4%	36		26.5%	30		26.8%	26	i
	DK/NA	14.1%	34		11.2%	25		10.2%	17		7.8%	9		8.0%	8	1
	Total Yes	44.3%	108		46.7%	103		52.0%	89		51.3%	59		51.3%	50	i i
	Total No	41.6%	102		42.1%	93		37.9%	64		40.8%	47		40.7%	39	1
	Definitely Yes	33.6%	82		35.0%	77		39.3%	67		43.4%	50		41.2%	40	1
	Probably Yes	23.4%	57		24.6%	54		26.1%	44		21.1%	24		22.7%	22	I
	Probably No	12.7%	31		13.3%	29		9.6%	16		7.8%	9		7.4%	7	I
7C. \$165 dollars per year	Definitely No	21.0%	51		19.5%	43		20.2%	34		24.8%	28		25.5%	25	I
	DK/NA	9.2%	23		7.6%	17		4.9%	8		2.8%	3		3.3%	3	1
	Total Yes	57.1%	140		59.6%	132		65.4%	111		64.5%	74		63.8%	62	
	Total No	33.7%	82		32.8%	73		29.8%	51		32.6%	37		32.9%	32	1

#### **INFORMED BALLOT TEST & TAX THRESHOLDS – BOND MEASURE**

		Likely Nover	nber 201	8 Voter	Likely Mar	ch 2020 \	Voter	Likely Ma	il Ballot 2	019	Likely Specia	al Electio	n 2019	Likely Noven	nber 2019	9 Voter
		Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean
8. To provide an earthquake-safe, energy-efficient library	Definitely Yes	31.2%	75		31.9%	69		29.7%	55		29.7%	35		28.3%	27	
including:	Probably Yes	31.5%	76		29.0%	63		33.0%	61		29.7%	35		29.3%	29	
<ul> <li>•dedicated space for children and teen programs;</li> <li>•accessible space for book and resource collections;</li> </ul>	Probably No	15.4%	37		16.2%	35		14.1%	26		14.4%	17		15.6%	15	
<ul> <li>accessible space for book and resource collections;</li> <li>free wifi, public computers, active learning center, and charging</li> </ul>	Definitely No	15.6%	38		15.8%	34		16.1%	30		18.2%	22		19.0%	19	
stations;	DK/NA	6.4%	15		7.1%	15		7.0%	13		8.4%	10		7.8%	8	
<ul> <li>added collaborative space and meeting rooms;</li> </ul>	Total Yes	62.6%	151		60.9%	133		62.8%	116		59.3%	70		57.6%	56	
<ul> <li>increased seating and quiet reading areas; and</li> </ul>	Total No	31.0%	75		32.0%	70		30.2%	56		32.6%	39		34.6%	34	
-improved senior and disabled access; shall the measure authorizing North County Library Authority to issue \$55 million dollars in bonds at legal rates, providing approximately \$3.7 million dollars annually, for 30 years, assessing \$17 dollars per \$100,000 requiring independent oversight, be adopted?																
	Definitely Yes	20.6%	50		22.2%	48		21.3%	39		19.7%	23		19.1%	19	
	Probably Yes	24.1%	58		24.3%	53		24.0%	44		26.4%	31		24.7%	24	
	Probably No	22.7%	55		21.0%	46		21.2%	39		17.2%	20		16.8%	16	
vear	Definitely No	21.9%	53		22.8%	50		22.8%	42		25.3%	30		26.2%	25	
3 dollars per \$100,000 dollars of assessed valuation per	DK/NA	10.6%	26		9.6%	21		10.7%	20		11.7%	14		13.2%	13	
	Total Yes	44.7%	108		46.5%	101		45.4%	84		46.2%	54		43.8%	43	
· · · · ·	Total No	44.6%	108		43.8%	95		43.9%	81		42.5%	50		43.1%	42	
	Definitely Yes	28.8%	70		31.2%	68		29.7%	55		29.2%	34		28.5%	28	
	Probably Yes	24.8%	60		22.4%	49		25.2%	46		26.8%	32		25.1%	24	
	Probably No	19.7%	48		18.5%	40		17.6%	32		12.7%	15		13.6%	13	
9B. \$17 dollars per \$100,000 dollars of assessed valuation per vear	Definitely No	19.4%	47		20.1%	44		20.3%	37		22.8%	27		22.1%	21	
year	DK/NA	7.2%	17		7.9%	17		7.2%	13		8.9%	10		10.8%	10	
	Total Yes	53.7%	130		53.6%	117		54.9%	101		56.0%	66		53.6%	52	
	Total No	39.1%	94		38.6%	84		37.9%	70		35.5%	42		35.7%	35	
	Definitely Yes	40.0%	97		41.3%	90		40.2%	74		37.9%	45		36.3%	35	
	Probably Yes	22.6%	55		22.2%	48		21.0%	39		24.0%	28		24.4%	24	
	Probably No	17.0%	41		15.5%	34		18.1%	33		12.8%	15		12.7%	12	
9C. \$11 dollars per \$100,000 dollars of assessed valuation per year	Definitely No	14.4%	35		14.5%	32		14.5%	27		17.3%	20		17.4%	17	
Jour	DK/NA	6.0%	14		6.5%	14		6.2%	11		8.4%	10		9.1%	9	
	Total Yes	62.7%	151		63.5%	138		61.2%	113		61.9%	73		60.8%	59	
	Total No	31.3%	76		30.0%	65		32.6%	60		30.1%	35		30.1%	29	

#### DEMOGRAPHICS

		Likely November 2018 Voter			Likely March 2020 Voter			Likely Mail Ballot 2019			Likely Special Election 2019			Likely November 2019 Voter		
		Column N %	Count	∑or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean
	Yes	32.2%	157		30.1%	132		27.8%	99		21.1%	49		15.9%	31	
A. Do any children under the age of 18 live in your household?	No	66.3%	322		68.6%	301		71.1%	252		77.7%	180		82.5%	160	1
	DK/NA	1.5%	7		1.4%	6		1.1%	4		1.3%	3		1.5%	3	
	Male	47.4%	230		46.7%	205		47.3%	168		50.3%	117		50.4%	98	
B. Respondent's Gender	Female	50.6%	246		51.3%	225		51.2%	181		49.3%	114		49.0%	95	
	Other	2.1%	10		2.0%	9		1.5%	5		0.5%	1		0.6%	1	
	18-29	7.1%	35		7.4%	33		5.8%	21		2.2%	5		2.6%	5	
	30-39	5.8%	28		5.5%	24		4.4%	16		2.9%	7		2.4%	5	
2.4	40-49	14.1%	69		12.3%	54		12.7%	45		6.0%	14		4.3%	8	
C. Age	50-64	34.9%	170		34.2%	150		30.9%	110		31.1%	72		28.7%	56	
	65+	36.1%	176		38.5%	169		43.6%	154		54.1%	126		57.3%	111	
	Not coded	1.9%	9		2.1%	9		2.5%	9		3.9%	9		4.7%	9	
	Japanese	0.5%	3		0.3%	2		0.4%	2		0.0%	0		0.0%	0	
	Chinese	5.3%	26		4.5%	20		4.7%	17		3.5%	8		3.7%	7	1
	Hispanic	2.6%	13		2.8%	12		2.7%	10		2.8%	6		1.9%	4	
	Jewish	6.3%	30		6.9%	30		7.1%	25		8.2%	19		8.4%	16	1
	Armenian	0.0%	0		0.0%	0		0.0%	0		0.0%	0		0.0%	0	
D. Ethnic Surname	Vietnamese	1.2%	6		0.9%	4		1.2%	4		0.8%	2		1.0%	2	
	Italian	1.4%	7		1.5%	7		1.2%	4		1.8%	4		2.2%	4	
	Korean	0.9%	4		1.0%	4		1.2%	4		0.3%	1		0.4%	1	
	African American	0.2%	1		0.2%	1		0.2%	1		0.4%	1		0.4%	1	
	Not Coded	81.7%	397		81.8%	359		81.3%	288		82.5%	191		82.0%	159	
E. Homeownership Status	Owner	85.0%	413		85.6%	376		87.3%	309		93.6%	217		93.4%	181	
	Renter	15.0%	73		14.4%	63		12.7%	45		6.5%	15		6.6%	13	
F. Party	Democrat	44.3%	215		46.5%	204		45.3%	160		44.9%	104		42.3%	82	1
	Republican	28.1%	137		28.5%	125		33.1%	117		33.9%	79		38.7%	75	1
	Other	2.3%	11		2.1%	9		2.6%	9		4.0%	9		4.8%	9	
	DTS	25.3%	123		22.9%	101		19.0%	68		17.4%	40		14.2%	28	
	Dem 1	16.3%	79		17.2%	76		16.9%	60		17.4%	40		16.5%	32	1
	Dem 2+	16.1%	78		17.2%	75		17.2%	61		17.0%	39		16.8%	33	1
	Rep 1	7.9%	38		8.0%	35		9.2%	33		8.9%	21		10.0%	19	1
	Rep 2+	10.8%	53		11.1%	49		13.2%	47		13.8%	32		15.2%	30	
	Other 1	12.9%	63	1	11.2%	49		9.2%	33		7.1%	17		6.6%	13	
G. Household Party Type	Other 2+	4.7%	23		4.7%	20		4.1%	15		6.5%	15		4.5%	9	
	Dem & Rep	8.1%	40	1	8.2%	36		8.5%	30		10.2%	24		11.2%	22	
	Dem & Other	12.6%	61		12.6%	55		11.1%	40		9.3%	22		9.2%	18	
	Rep & Other	8.5%	42		7.8%	34		7.8%	28		7.5%	17		8.3%	16	
	Dem, Rep & Other	1.9%	9	1	2.1%	9		2.6%	9		2.4%	6		1.7%	3	
	2017 to 2018	0.0%	0		0.0%	0		0.0%	0		0.0%	0		0.0%	0	
	2013 to 2016	20.9%	101	1	22.0%	97		19.1%	68		10.0%	23		10.6%	21	
	2009 to 2012	9.2%	45		7.7%	34		8.9%	32		7.3%	17		7.3%	14	
	2005 to 2008	12.2%	59	1	11.9%	52		11.1%	39		12.3%	29		11.6%	22	
	2001 to 2004	11.6%	57		10.8%	47		11.1%	39		11.0%	26		10.2%	20	
H. Registration Date	1997 to 2000	8.4%	41		9.0%	40		9.0%	32		7.9%	18		6.0%	12	
	1993 to 1996	8.3%	40		8.6%	38		8.8%	31		12.0%	28		12.1%	23	
	1981 to 1992	12.8%	62		14.0%	62	-	14.3%	51		18.9%	44	-	18.7%	36	
	1980 or before	16.7%	81		15.9%	70	-	17.8%	63		20.8%	48	-	23.5%	46	
	Not Coded	0.0%	0		0.0%	0		0.0%	0		0.0%			0.0%	40	

		Likely November 2018 Voter			Likely Marc	ch 2020 '	Voter	Likely Mai	il Ballot 2	2019	Likely Specia	al Electio	n 2019	Likely November 2019 Voter		
		Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑or Mean	Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean
I. Voting History	see detailed crosstabs															
	2	6.3%	31		6.2%	27		5.7%	20		0.0%	0		0.0%	0	
	3	4.2%	20		2.4%	11		2.5%	9		0.0%	0		0.0%	0	
	4	5.8%	28		3.3%	15		4.9%	17		0.5%	1		0.6%	1	
	5	5.7%	27		4.9%	22		1.9%	7		1.3%	3		1.0%	2	
	6	4.4%	21		3.5%	16		2.4%	8		0.5%	1		0.6%	1	
	7	6.3%	31		5.2%	23		5.1%	18		1.9%	4		1.5%	3	
	8	7.2%	35		7.8%	34		4.4%	16		2.1%	5		1.4%	3	
J. Times Voted in Last Elections	9	8.6%	42		9.5%	42		6.8%	24		3.5%	8		2.0%	4	
	10	5.7%	27		6.3%	27		5.2%	18		3.2%	8		1.6%	3	
	11	8.4%	41		9.3%	41		10.5%	37		12.1%	28		9.8%	19	
	12	4.3%	21		4.7%	21		5.2%	18		6.4%	15		5.8%	11	
	13	6.2%	30		6.9%	30		8.5%	30		11.9%	28		10.8%	21	
	14	7.6%	37		8.4%	37		10.4%	37		15.9%	37		17.3%	34	
	15	9.4%	46		10.4%	46		12.6%	45		19.7%	46		22.4%	44	
	16	10.1%	49		11.1%	49		13.8%	49		21.1%	49		25.2%	49	
K. Absentee Voter	0	10.2%	50		9.6%	42		2.7%	9		5.1%	12		5.1%	10	
	1	7.6%	37		7.3%	32		1.4%	5		3.8%	9		2.9%	6	
	2	8.9%	43		8.1%	36		7.3%	26		1.8%	4		2.2%	4	
	3	4.5%	22		3.8%	17		4.2%	15		0.6%	1		0.7%	1	
	4	5.6%	27		2.7%	12		5.5%	20		1.2%	3		1.0%	2	
	5	3.5%	17		3.3%	15		2.0%	7		1.4%	3		1.6%	3	
	6	5.5%	26		6.0%	26		4.8%	17		2.1%	5		1.6%	3	
	7	5.7%	28		5.5%	24		6.3%	22		2.3%	5		1.2%	2	
	8	3.6%	18		4.0%	17		4.1%	15		3.2%	7		1.5%	3	
	9	4.9%	24		5.5%	24		6.8%	24		3.5%	8		3.3%	6	
	10	6.1%	29		6.7%	29		8.3%	29		7.6%	18		6.7%	13	
	11	4.3%	21		4.8%	21		6.0%	21		7.3%	17		6.4%	10	
	12	5.0%	24		5.5%	24		6.8%	24		9.0%	21		8.7%	12	
	13	8.3%	40		9.2%	40		11.4%	40		16.9%	39		17.3%	34	
	13	6.9%	33	<u> </u>	9.2%	33	<u> </u>	9.4%	33		14.4%	39		16.7%	34	
	15	4.2%	21		4.7%	21		9.4% 5.8%	21		8.9%	21		9.9%		
	16	4.2% 5.3%	21	<u> </u>	5.8%	21	<u> </u>	7.2%	21		0.9% 11.1%	21		9.9%	26	
	Yes	100.0%	486		100.0%	439		100.0%	355		100.2%	20		100.0%	194	
L. Likely November 2018 Voter	No	0.0%	400		0.0%	439		0.0%	0		0.0%	0		0.0%	0	
	Yes	39.9%	194		44.2%	194		54.0%	192		83.7%	194		100.0%	194	
M. Likely November 2019 Voter	No	60.1%	292		55.8%	245		46.0%	192		16.5%	38		0.0%	0	
	Yes	90.4%	439		100.0%	439		94.8%	336		10.5%	232		100.0%	194	
N. Likely March 2020 Voter	No	9.6%	439		0.0%	439		5.2%	18		0.0%	0		0.0%	0	
O. Likely June 2020 Voter	Yes	9.0%	387	<u> </u>	86.7%	381	<u> </u>	91.8%	325		100.2%	232		100.0%	194	
	No	20.3%	99		13.3%	58		8.2%	29		0.0%	0		0.0%	0	
P. Likely November 2020 Voter	Yes	100.0%	486	<u> </u>	100.0%	439	<u> </u>	100.0%	355		100.2%	232		100.0%	194	
	No	0.0%	486	<u> </u>	0.0%	439	<u> </u>	0.0%	355		0.0%	232		0.0%	0	
	Yes	80.8%	393		81.8%	359	<u> </u>	94.1%	334		87.5%	203		88.0%	171	
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ARCHITECT VANCE STONER This Los Altos Main Library Needs Assessment Update (2018 Update) agrees with the 2008 Page + Moris study's recommendation that an expanded Los Altos Main Library is needed to improve the community's access to modern library services, programs, and materials. A minimum of 12,000 additional square feet is needed, for an overall Main Library of at least 40,000 square feet. If the site and community can support further expansion, a Main Library of more than 40,000 square feet would provide even more flexibility and capacity for positive community impact. Providing less than 40,000 square feet will make it more difficult to alleviate the current service and space deficiencies without significant compromises.

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Recommended next steps include engaging the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills communities in dialogue about library service and space priorities; aligning the community's priorities with the opportunities for expansion or replacement of the existing building on its current site; and coordinating the library scope and program with that of the new Hillview Community Center to create a cohesive intellectual and cultural campus.

### **Introduction and Methodology**

**Executive Summary** 

A decade ago, the Los Altos Library Services and Space Needs Assessment by Page + Moris ("2008 Study") concluded that the current Los Altos Main Library did not meet the community's needs. The report recommended that the library should be expanded to approximately 40,000 square feet in order to provide a larger collection, more seating and more computers, and additional enclosed study/collaboration space for the community. It also recommended modernization of library staff desks on the public floor, and adding more staff space back-of-house to support expanded programming and materials circulation workload. Last but not least, the 2008 Study recommended providing improved sales and operations space within the Main Library for the Friends of the Library of Los Altos.



The Main Library building has been well maintained over the past decade, and some modifications and updates have been made – such as replacement of the large reference and circulation staff desks with more compact versions that support modern library service. But the building has not been expanded, and many of the deficiencies noted in the 2008 *Study* continue to affect library service today.

In early 2018, the North County Library Authority (NCLA) commissioned a study to update the library needs assessment. Over a two-month process beginning in late January 2018, Group 4 Architecture, Research + Planning, Inc. met with the following stakeholder groups:

- NCLA Library Redevelopment Task Force
- Los Altos Library Commission
- Friends of the Library of Los Altos
- Los Altos Library Endowment
- Los Altos Library staff

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This process also included review of available data and information, as well as observations of activities and conditions in the current Main Library.

Concurrent with the needs assessment update process, NCLA also commissioned a separate study of the feasibility of expanding or replacing the Main Library on its current site. The study concluded that a 40,000 sf facility is feasible on the existing library site as either an expansion or a replacement. Detailed information regarding the feasibility study is provided in a separate report.

#### **Observations and Findings**

Conceptually, this 2018 Update process did not set out to revisit \*whether\* an expanded library was needed for the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills communities. Rather, it accepted the Page + Moris study's findings as both a foundation and a framework for reviewing how its recommendations might be adjusted in light of changes over the past decade. Key assumptions and drivers from the 2008 Study were revisited with project stakeholders during this process, and also reviewed in light of changing library service and design trends.

Key assumptions from the 2008 Study that continue to drive the need for library space in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills include:

• The library is vitally important for the community. Even as the population grows and changes over time, the Los Altos Main Library continues to be a cornerstone of learning, engagement, and community life. Stakeholders spoke passionately about the library's role as a "gateway to the world" and the "intellectual heart of the community."

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- **People want to spend time in the library**. The Los Altos Main Library bustles with activity throughout the day. Children come to engage with books, technology, and interactive learning tools. Teens come to hang out as well as to work with tutors on homework. Adults come to read, work, socialize, be inspired by art displays, attend programs, and more.
- The collection is a core service. The Los Altos Main Library is one of the busiest libraries in the Santa Clara County Library system on many measures, including circulation. Library staff note distinctly high levels of non-fiction circulation in the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills communities as well as of fiction and popular materials. Over the past decade, the Main Library's print collection has grown even beyond the size recommended in the 2008 Study.
- Library staff are vital. Staff are key to the friendly, welcoming environment that the community experiences at the Los Altos Main Library. They are dedicated to providing excellent service, which their responsiveness and creativity enable them to do despite the limitations of the current building. In interviews, they spoke enthusiastically about the types of programs and services they would like to offer the community in a library with modern infrastructure and more space.
- The Friends are an essential partner. Through their ongoing, online, and quarterly event sales, the Friends of the Library of Los Altos generate significant funding to support enhanced programs and collections at the Main Library. They also operate a café, which activates the lobby and contributes to a more welcoming and comfortable library. The majority of their operations occur offsite at the Hillview Community Center which is scheduled for demolition with the next two years.

The current Main Library lacks the space to fully meet the breadth, depth, and diversity of community needs. Evidence of this space deficiency includes:

- The collection dominates the space. At least half of the floor area in the library's main space is dedicated to shelving much of it tall, narrowly spaced, and fixed in place. The library interior is crowded and hard to navigate. Sightlines within the library and views to the outside are blocked. [Note: this 2018 Update has no opinion about the right size of the collection relative to community needs, and this observation is not meant to suggest that the collection itself is too big or should necessarily be reduced.]
- The children's library is significantly undersized. Modern libraries tend to allocate a significant amount of space for children due to the variety of materials, technology, and spaces needed to support early literacy and interactive learning. Roomier children's libraries also recognize that kids are usually accompanied by at least one family member or guardian, which further increases demand on the space. In the Los Altos Main Library, approximately three times as much space is allocated for adults and teens as for children. Much of the space in the children's library is occupied by fixed shelving, and there is no dedicated space for children's programming. Children's programs are instead provided in the Main Library's meeting room, which is too small to accommodate all of the children who show up for programs.



- The meeting room cannot accommodate demand. The meeting room is too small for the number of people who come to attend popular, high-interest library programs and community events. The current space nominally accommodates about 100 occupants sitting auditorium-style, unless the programs involve special equipment (such as a piano) or movement (such as cultural performances). Because it is used for children's programs at least once per day, the meeting room also is not always available for adult and teen programs.
- Seating choices are limited. The library cannot comfortably accommodate community demand for different seating types and environments. Collaborative work is discouraged in the main space in order to manage noise. Tutor pairs instead gravitate to places where they can collaborate more comfortably, such as the teen room and the lobby's café area displacing other uses from these spaces. Lounge seats in the adult section are tightly grouped and frequently filled to capacity. Seating of all kinds is extremely limited in the children's library.
- **Back-of-house staff areas do not support modern work loads and flow.** The automated materials handling unit has greatly streamlined the check-in and sorting of returned items for reshelving. However, staff areas lack the space to accommodate all of the bins and carts needed for the volume of returns this library experiences. The overall lack of work and storage space is particularly problematic in the children's library staff workroom.
- Friends operations are inefficient. Apart from two donation areas within the Main Library building, the Friends' main operations space is at the Hillview Community Center. This requires that they bring donated materials back to the community center for sorting and processing before bringing them back to the library's ongoing sales area. The Friends estimate that they make as many as 40 weekly trips between "Room 7" and the library each with a dolly stacked with boxes of books. While Room 7 itself is a marvel of creative use of limited space, it simply does not support efficient work flow. While it is impossible to say that the Friends are not highly productive, it is nevertheless easy to imagine that a more efficiently designed space in the library could support even greater productivity and impact.

There is simply not enough room in the current Main Library building to address any of the above-described deficiencies without exacerbating other space conflicts and shortfalls.

### Recommendations

The 2008 Study recommended adding 12,000 square feet to the Los Altos Main Library in order to improve the community's access to library services, programs, and materials. Much of the 2008 Study is still valid, and its analysis and findings should be considered in the planning and design for an expanded Main Library. Rather than restating all of the key findings and recommendations here, readers are referred to the report from the 2008 Study.

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This 2018 Update agrees that a Main Library of 40,000 square feet would be a significant improvement for the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills communities. However, in the absence of recent community input, we can neither endorse nor reject the specific space allocation profile recommended in the 2008 Study. There is no universal standard or generally-accepted best practice for library space planning, and any recommendation for the Los Altos Main Library that does not incorporate public input is unlikely to fully reflect community priorities. As such, for the most part this 2018 Update does not assume or recommend specific sizes or quantities of space, shelving, seating, computers, or other library service elements for an expanded Los Altos Main Library.

Although this is not a comprehensive list of spaces that would be included, planning for an expanded Los Altos Main Library should consider the following:

- **Program space for at least 150-200 people**. Suggested sizing for adult program space is 14-15 net square feet per occupant, exclusive of support spaces (such as A/V closets and kitchen facilities) and storage for all furniture.
- **Significantly expanded children's library**, with dedicated children's program space for at least 100. Suggested sizing for children's program space is 14-15 net square feet per occupant, exclusive of storage for program supplies and furniture. Consider the need for additional space for stroller parking within and/or immediately outside the space.
- **Dedicated space for teens** should be provided that complements the teen space and amenities in the Hillview Community Center. Although studying may occur in the library's teen area, it should not be the primary location for tutoring in the library.
- **Collaboration space**. A variety of acoustically-separated spaces should be provided to support collaborative activities such as tutoring pairs and group work or study. Suggested minimum size for a group study space is 150-175 square feet (4-6 seats).
- **More seating choices**. Community members of all ages, shapes, sizes, and abilities should be able to find a place to sit in the library in individual, collaborative, and social settings. The library should also provide sufficient acoustic separation to support both quiet and active uses all at the same time with minimal conflict.
- More space for personal technology should be provided with convenient access to power at every seat. With the rise of personal device use at the Los Altos Main Library over the past decade, this 2018 Update recommends significantly fewer desktop computers than identified in the 2008 Study. However, space for customers to work, play, and collaborate on their personal laptops, tablets, e-readers, phones, and other personal devices is in high demand. Customers should be able to plug their personal devices into tabletops, side tables, or even lounge chairs with ease in a variety of seating environments. Reliable and fast Wi-Fi should be provided throughout the library.



- A more browsable and accessible physical collection. Shelving should be lower height, more widely spaced, and more flexible, with seating opportunities provided throughout. Face-out display is encouraged to promote deeper exploration and discovery of the library's diverse collection.
- **Space for Friends**, including a prominent ongoing sales area as well as discrete, well-designed back-of-house space for receiving and processing donations.

The above is not a comprehensive list of spaces for an expanded Main Library. More detailed programming will be required once the general building size and budget are known.

At a minimum, at least 12,000 additional square feet will be needed to accommodate these recommendations. Expanding the Los Altos Main Library beyond 40,000 square feet would further enhance its ability to meet diverse community needs and support positive community impacts. On the other hand, providing less than 40,000 square feet will make it more challenging to address current service and space deficiencies without more significant compromises.

Recommended next steps include:

- working with the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills communities to confirm priorities for services and spaces in the Main Library;
- aligning the community's needs and priorities with the opportunities for expansion or replacement of the Main Library on its current site; and
- coordinating the Main Library scope and program with the new Hillview Community Center to enhance access and minimize duplication.

### Vision and Opportunities

In meetings for this 2018 Update, many stakeholders also spoke about other aspects and qualities that will be important in an expanded Main Library, including:

- A spacious, legible, and light-filled interior with good sightlines.
- Views and access to the outdoors.
- Acoustically-separate spaces for quiet and collaborative uses.
- Space that can accommodate art, special exhibits, and rotating displays.
- Appropriately-designed space for cultural events and programs, such as performances and music events.
- Opportunities to recognize past and present library supporters and community donors.



- Improved pedestrian connectivity with downtown Los Altos and the new Hillview Community Center.
- Spaces that complement (not duplicate) what will be provided at the new Hillview Community Center, such as amenities for teens and a café.
- Improved parking within the civic and cultural complex.

This is certainly not a comprehensive description of the desired qualities of an expanded Main Library, but as a starting point for further exploration of the community's vision.

Group 4 very much appreciates the opportunity to have worked with the Task Force, City and SCCLD staff, and library and community stakeholders during this process. We look forward to seeing this important project continue to evolve and build momentum toward implementation. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or if we can provide additional support.

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# CITY OF LOS ALTOS LIBRARY FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT May 2, 2018





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## Public Library Feasibility Study Introduction

The purpose of this Feasibility Study is to assess and compare options for the reuse of the existing facility with an option for a new facility.

The study focuses on how to best house increased program space for the Library. The assessment will consider the following:

- 1. Renovation of the existing Library facility to house an increase of 9,000 sf of new program space.
- 2. Renovation of the existing Library facility to house an increase of 11,000 sf of new program space.
- 3. Build a new Library on the same site, increasing the size of the building to 40,000 sf.

As part of this effort, STRATAap met with City Management staff to review, discuss objectives and options and review site conditions of the existing building.

Renovation of the existing parking lots were not included.

No space planning nor programming were performed as part of this exercise

# Feasibility Study Format

- Overview and summary of project.
- Conceptual site diagrams for various options with summaries of budget assessment.
- Cost analysis for new facility (including demo lition costs) in comparison to renovation costs.
- Information provided in the following reports is utilized in the documentation of this report.

Page + Morris, LLC Library Services and Space Needs Assessment 2008

Faithful & Gould Library Facility Condition Assessment 2016

Ehrlich & Rominger Record Construction Documents 1993

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## Overview

The original library building was constructed in the late 1950s or early 1960s. It is constructed of steel and wood framing. The steel frames provide the long clear span spaces in the original building and also provide the lateral stability to resist wind and earthquake in at least one direction. The 1991 expansion is constructed of steel and wood framing, as well, with steel frames for lateral stability in each direction.

Many changes have been made to the building code since these buildings were originally constructed. Some of the changes are due to changes in construction material and practices. Other changes are due to lessons learned from the performance of buildings during earthquakes and other events. It is important to note that a building is not required to meet the requirements of the current building code unless modifications are made to the building that trigger a mandatory seismic upgrade. Some examples of conditions that might require mandatory upgrades include: changing the building's use or making significant modifications to the building's lateral-force-resisting system.

The city is exploring various expansion ideas for the library. Several of those options are considering a vertical expansion over the original library. An addition over the original library would require the retrofit and upgrade of all the long span frames and new foundation to support the second story addition. In our opinion it would be more cost effective to demolish a portion of the 1991 addition including the foundation and provide a new two story portion in the same location. The new portion could be connected to the original building and brace it against lateral wind and earthquake loads.

In our opinion there is likely some cost savings with locating the new vertical expansion over the 1991 addition area. The expansion was, by definition, built last. It will likely be easier and more constructible to remove the expansion that was built around the original building, then to try and remove the original building and keep the expansion.



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# Option I

Understanding the structural implications of modifying the existing structure, it appears that removing the entry side portion of the 1991 addition may be the most cost effective. This option demolishes the existing portion of the building at the entry that includes the administrative areas and entry core. The first floor would be re-designed with the addition of a second floor in the same footprint as today.

The first floor would house similar program as current, but would include reconfigured entry and check out areas as well as public restrooms to meet current access compliance requirements. The access compliance improvements would likely be required as a product of any new work.

The second floor addition would house an additional 9,000 square feet for anticipated program space needs. The existing parking would be preserved.

Renovation of remaining 28,050 SF portion of the building including HVAC, electrical and other building systems including interior and exterior building finishes would be recommended.

POTENTIAL COSTS - LIBRARY RENOVATION - 28,050 S.F.

Existing Area: Cost Per Square Foot: Sub Total Const. Cost: Owner Soft Costs 30%: Total Construction Cost:

28,050 SF \$185 \$5,189,250 \$1,556,775 **\$6,746,027** 

POTENTIAL COSTS - LIBRARY EXPANSION - 9,000S.F.

Area of Renovation/New: Cost Per Square Foot: Sub Total Const. Cost: Owner Soft Costs 30%: Total Construction Cost: 18,000 SF \$850 \$15,300,000 \$4,590,000 **\$19,890,000** 

Escalation of 15% per annum should be added to the above total cost for anticipated construction dates.



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Option II

This option provides the same work as Option I, but also includes an additional 2,000 square feet in the new second story addition by extending the second floor to the South. This added area would extend over the existing parking providing shelter at the loading entrance of the administrative portion of the building.

The second floor addition and extension would house an additional 11,000 square feet for anticipated program space needs.

Renovation of remaining 28,050 SF portion of the building including HVAC, electrical and other building systems including interior and exterior building finishes would be recommended.

# POTENTIAL COSTS - LIBRARY RENOVATION - 28,050 S.F.

Existing Area: Cost Per Square Foot: Sub Total Const. Cost: Owner Soft Costs 30%: Total Construction Cost:

28,050 SF \$185 \$5,189,250 \$1,556,775 **\$6,746,027** 

POTENTIAL COSTS - LIBRARY EXPANSION - 11,000 S.F.

Existing Area: Cost Per Square Foot: Sub Total Const. Cost: Owner Soft Costs 30%: **Total Construction Cost:**  20,000 SF \$850 \$17,000,000 \$5,100,000 **\$22,100,000** 

Escalation of 15% per annum should be added to the above total cost for anticipated construction dates.



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# Option III

In this scenario, the existing building would be demolished and a new two-story Library Facility would be built on the same site. Two stories are necessary to meet the space program needs and conform to site space limitations. The existing parking would be preserved.

The new building would provide 40,000 square feet for anticipated program space needs.

# POTENTIAL COSTS - NEW LIBRARY

New Area: Cost Per Square Foot: Sub Total Const. Cost: Owner Soft Costs 30%: Total Construction Cost: \$44,000,000

40,000 SF \$850 \$34,000,000 \$10,200.000

Escalation of 15% per annum should be added to the above total cost for anticipated construction dates.



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