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AGENDA ITEM # 9

TO: Library Commission

FROM: Jaime Chew, Recreation & Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: Friends of the Library Storage/Book Sales during Community Center Project

BACKGROUND

The City of Los Altos is working on a major project to build a new community center in the location of the current Hillview Community Center. The project is scheduled to begin with demolition in July 2019. The move out of the Hillview Community Center will approximately begin in April 2019.

The Friends of the Library currently use one, 950 square foot room (Room 7), a storage room adjacent to the Senior Center, and a shed that is placed in the rear of the facility, behind Room 16. These spaces are utilized by the Friends for the storage of books and crates, as well as work space to prepare the books for sale at their quarterly book sale at the Hillview Community Center. Proceeds from the Friends book sales directly support the Los Altos Library in the Santa Clara County Library District.

DISCUSSION

Once the Community Center project begins in 2019, the Friends of the Library will be without the current estimated 1,200 square feet of work and storage space that they currently have at the Hillview Community Center. During discussions with the City, it has been identified that the Friends' storage unit that can be broken down and relocated, but the City does not have a solution that would provide equivalent space on the Civic Center campus.

The Friends of the Library could benefit from ideas that the Library Commission, County Library staff and NCLA provide on other possibilities for storage and work space that might be available during construction of the new community center.