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Community Meeting Seeks Input on Downtown Library Building Options

Discussion with public comment is critical as Committee considers four options for a new Downtown Library

November 22, 2017—SANTA CRUZ, CA—The Santa Cruz Public Library System (SCPL) announced that the citizen Downtown Library Advisory Committee, which formed to assist the Library and the City in developing an outline of the branch's space needs over the next twenty years, has requested a community meeting to explore the four options for building a new Downtown Library with Measure S funds.

The entire community is encouraged to attend and provide input at this Community Meeting on Sunday December 3rd from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Participants will have the opportunity to meet some of the citizen members of the Downtown Library Advisory Committee and hear about the work they have been doing. For more information about past meetings and Measure S building projects, visit santacruzpl.org/measure_s.

Since it began meeting in June, the Committee has studied recently developed public library buildings; reviewed staff input and current use; examined the broader community's needs via a survey administered in Downtown Santa Cruz, at the Downtown Library, and online; approved program priorities for the new Downtown Branch; and began considering siting criteria for renovating, rebuilding, or moving the new Downtown Branch based on a cost analysis provided by the architect. The Committee now seeks broad input from the public prior to making a final recommendation on which of the four building options presented by the architect will best serve our community. The Committee expects to present a report for the Library Joint Powers Board in January 2018.

ABOUT THE SANTA CRUZ PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM:

The Santa Cruz Public Libraries (SCPL) system delivers information, education, enrichment and inspiration through a network of 10 neighborhood library branches, a web-based digital library, a Bookmobile and community-based programs. SCPL serves children, teens and adults with innovative programming, professional services and community facilities that spark imagination and support discovery. Residents can explore a wide range of interests from academic research, book clubs and literacy programs to digital photography, locally-produced music and local history. Branch locations include Aptos, Boulder Creek, Branciforte, Capitola, Downtown Santa Cruz, Felton, Garfield Park, La Selva Beach, Live Oak and Scotts Valley. Learn more about SCPL at SantaCruzPL.org or via Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter and YouTube.