

Darcy Paul, Mayor and
Amy Chan, City Manager
10300 Torre Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014

Dear Mayor Paul and City Manager Chan,

At the October 25, 2018 Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board meeting, the JPA approved an increase to the SCCLD staffing budget. The purpose of this action is to open all SCCLD libraries seven days per week with at least four hours of service on Sundays, by providing additional staffing for the Campbell, Gilroy, Morgan Hill and Saratoga Community Libraries. The Library District strives to make service available on the days and hours most desired by our communities, and based on our customer satisfaction survey, weekend hours are in high demand. In addition, the service provided is intended to attract the greatest number of residents to become new and/or more engaged library patrons.

To preserve funding equity in accordance with the JPA's Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement funding formula, an additional \$428,596 will be allocated to the Cupertino Community Library for staffing in fiscal year 2019-2020.

The increased revenue comes from higher than expected property tax and ERAF payments. We estimate that revenue will continue at this level for at least two years, but cannot predict the likelihood of availability beyond this period.

The City of Cupertino currently contributes \$468,023 to staff the library an additional 12 open hours per week. With Cupertino's additional funding formula-derived library staffing budget increase of \$428,596, we are asking for your consideration of the following directions as a starting point to discuss FY 2019/20 investment:

1. City of Cupertino continues to fund additional hours. Staff estimates that we could be open from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm daily including Saturday and Sunday. This would provide 5 additional hours per week and allow the library to be open evenings on Saturday and Sunday when there is more available parking.
2. City of Cupertino augments library funding for services. Staff suggests adding additional headcount for the Go Go Biblio library outreach service to provide 10-15 stops in the city per week.
3. City of Cupertino augments library funding for services. Addressing the need for dedicated library program space, we could consider the use of city funding for this purpose augmented by Library District funding for staffing costs of an equal amount.

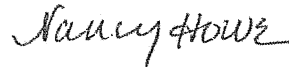
4. Temporarily suspend the City of Cupertino's funding for a minimum of two years from \$468,023 to \$39,427 with no change to current open hours. Should the increased property tax and ERAF revenue no longer be available after two years (beginning July 1, 2021) , the city's current contribution of \$468,023 (adjusted for increases in salary and benefit costs) would likely be needed to maintain the current 12 additional open hours per week.

We value our partnership and appreciate the opportunity to provide excellent library services to enhance the lives of Cupertino residents. We will contact you to schedule a meeting in December to discuss these and other directions in more detail.

Sincerely,



Mike Wasserman, Chair
Joint Powers Authority Board



Nancy Howe
County Librarian

Cc: Steven Scharf. JPA Representative