



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR REED

**FROM:** Councilmember Donald Rocha

**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**DATE:** May 21, 2014

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Approved Don Rocha Date 5/21/14

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the following recommendation be enacted.

**Proposal**

Program/Project Title: **OPEN ALL BRANCH LIBRARIES 4.5 DAYS PER WEEK**

Amount of City Funding Required: \$1,173,051 in 2014-2015, \$1,553,409 ongoing

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): General Fund

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

This proposal would increase hours at all branch libraries to from 33-34 hours per week to 39 hours per week or otherwise expressed as 4.5 days per week. Over the past decade, the City has made a substantial investment in new library facilities, funded by the voter-approved library bond. These new libraries are a source of great pride for our community, serving as centers for learning, access points for the internet and other technology, and community gathering places. Unfortunately, these wonderful facilities are currently underutilized because they are only open four days a week. By increasing library hours to 4.5 days per week, this proposal would take a step towards maximizing the value residents receive from the capital investment that they approved through the bond measure.

**Funding Source**

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: Library Department

Department or Organization Contact (list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation):

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This change is:

       One-time        X   Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services