



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jill Bourne

**SUBJECT: INTERIOR SAFETY BARRIERS
AT THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. LIBRARY**

DATE: August 17, 2017

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INFORMATION

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library (King Library) is an innovative collaboration between the City of San José (City) and San José State University (SJSU). It is the first library in the U.S. to integrate the services and collections of a major university and city, making them available to everyone in the campus and public communities. The eight-story library is located on the northwest corner of the SJSU campus, a prime location for the facility that serves as the University Library and the main branch of the San José Public Library (SJPL) System.

While operated jointly by SJSU and SJPL, the King Library facility is owned and managed by SJSU. Costs for facilities management, interior improvements, and regular maintenance are paid by both partner agencies, as defined by the Cost Sharing Agreement between the City and SJSU and the Agreement for Ownership and Operation of Joint Library Building and Grant of Easement, and an agreed-upon cost-share structure.

In early 2017, SJSU and SJPL mutually identified a need to raise the existing safety barriers that line the interior of the King Library atrium. The SJSU Facilities Development and Operations (FD&O) service group shared a conceptual design with City staff, which involves replacing the current atrium railing and glazing curtain wall system on floors three through seven. SJSU Procurement and Support Services solicited a bid for the project on May 24, 2017 for qualified development entities to undertake the design and build of the atrium glazing at a height of seven feet, all scaffolding, and associated metal work/trim and equipment. The proposed design is intended to maintain the light and openness of the current atrium, while ensuring safety for all users.

Through an RFP process, SJSU Procurement and FD&O negotiated and executed an agreement with Blach Construction on June 27, 2017. The project was initiated on July 5, 2017, when scaffolding was installed within the atrium area. Construction is progressing quickly, with a goal of completion prior to the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. The current schedule estimates

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that scaffolding will be removed by September 12, 2017, with project completion to follow shortly after.

According to SJSU FD&O, the anticipated cost for the project is estimated at \$3,000,000. In the interest of expediting the project to occur during the summer months, SJSU FD&O moved forward prior to reviewing potential costs with the City, recognizing that a cost-share ratio will need to be negotiated prior to any City funding commitment. It is anticipated that the City's share of the costs will be funded from Library capital reserve funds, with no impact to the General Fund.

Staff will return to the City Council in late September 2017 with a recommended funding plan and appropriation actions as appropriate.

/s/

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