

DBTL Update #36

Dear Supporters of our Downtown Library ~

Over the past few months our ranks have increased to 124 recipients of these updates. Hello to all of you.

This update is to inform you that a few of us will be speaking at 7 pm (Oral Communications) at the City Council's Tuesday, March 26th meeting. Our main message to the Council will include the following:

- We urge you to place on an agenda, as early in April as is practical, an opportunity for a separate discussion of our downtown library and how best to proceed with renovating the library, including all creative ideas for producing a beautifully revitalized and fully utilized building.
- This discussion should take place in the upcoming weeks and not left hanging, especially because its funding with Measure S has a deadline. No other project for downtown has such a deadline, so priority should be given to the library.
- After last week's study session about transportation demand management, it appears that spending \$37 million on a 5th downtown garage would not be a good choice for our city. So we are free to talk about other ideas for our library.
- You have been given a suggested way to move forward by Don't Bury the Library that calls for an independent examination of what it would cost to renovate the library at its present site.

ACTION ITEM

Please consider either attending the 7 pm session on Tuesday and also speaking to the Council at Oral Communications about getting going on the library, independent of the older garage/library project presented to a previous Council over 2 years ago. Alternatively, send the same message (in your own words, please don't cut and paste from this email) to the Council either before or after the

meeting (citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com).

We know many of you have done this before. Still, the Council has stated it wants to hear from the public, so let us take every opportunity to be responsive to the Council's solicitation of public views on matters.

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