

## **Don't Bury The Library Update #31**

Dear Friends of the Downtown Library ~

First news, then an action item just for you!

### **News**

We have begun the process of interacting with the newly elected City Council members, to reach our goal of having the new Council revisit a renovation and revitalization project of the existing library building, something [DBTL](#) has supported for over two years.

We recently met with **Justin Cummings** and **Drew Glover**, individually, to share information and ideas with each about the downtown library. These were 45 minute meetings at which we discussed the nuts and bolts of how the council might proceed. First and foremost we reminded them of the importance of disconnecting the downtown library from any plans for a parking garage and/or multi-use structure.

Additionally we have a 1/28 meeting scheduled with the third newly elected council member, **Donna Meyers**, who had supported the garage/library project during her campaign for city council. We look forward to being able to help bring her along with our vision for restoration.

Finally, we are now in the process of drafting a "*Blueprint for A Restored and Revitalized Downtown Library for the 21st Century and Beyond*" that we will share that with all council members formally, when it is ready, possibly as soon as the January 22 council meeting.

### **Action Item for one and all**

Both Drew and Justin impressed upon us the necessity of *hearing from the community* as soon as possible, to provide a record of public comments upon which they can then act. Here is what you can do to help them and your library:

- Attend any city council meeting and speak *during oral communications*, saying you want the council to save the downtown library and spend Measure S funds to restore and revitalize that building rather than abandon it. Thanks to the new council's action at its first meeting (1/8) Oral Communications is now set for **7:00 pm**, to allow those who work a better opportunity to address the council.
- Send the same message via email to the city council between right now and their January 22 regularly scheduled meeting. Personalize your message with your own care and concern for both the library, as well as why you voted for Measure S in the first place. Keep your message about the library; there is no need to even mention the parking garage! Send your email to [citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com) and it will be distributed to all seven members.

Let's get busy and give the current four council members who have all previously expressed

support for restoration and revitalization of the library the public support they need to make it happen.

Thank you for being a part of this campaign!

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