



FRIENDS OF THE  
SANTA CRUZ  
PUBLIC LIBRARIES

## Is Option B a Good Choice for my Library?

[Review Option B here](#)

### How about my Farmers Market?

I visit the market every Wednesday. Will it disappear from Downtown Santa Cruz because of Option B?

**We all love our Farmers Market! And they're looking forward to a permanent all-weather site just a couple of blocks away. [Directions here](#)**

Nesh Dhillon, Executive Director of the Farmers Market, assures you that Option B will *NOT* affect your market.

Because they already have plans to move . . .

Market organizers are reviewing plans for a market at Front and Cathcart Streets, behind Kianti's, Assembly, and Pizza My Heart.

The new property could include a public plaza area with pavilion roof-top solar panels, and public bathrooms.



***Your Downtown Farmers Market has plans to move already!***

### Why not keep my Library where it's at?

We already have a building for my downtown library, isn't remodeling a cheaper option?

**Option A is cheaper by \$2 million because it is only a partial remodel of a**

**smaller footprint. [View Option A here.](#)**

With Option A:

- The building will offer less workable space than the current library and will be 8,000 square feet smaller than Option B.
- The roof, the heating system, and the windows will *NOT be replaced* even though the windows are single-pane and the roof and heating are as old as the building.
- Annual maintenance and upkeep will cost more in Option A than with any of the other Options.



*Your committee toured the obsolete heating system. Today, no company manufactures parts or offers repairs for this 1960 HVAC system.*

**Option C, keeping the library at the current site and adding the upgrades and features of Option B, will cost \$11 million more than Option B.**

The architectural firm, [Noll & Tam](#), has specialized expertise in designing for library remodels, renovations, and construction. Their offices priced Options A, B, C, & D based on their knowledge of library construction occurring in this region today. [View Options Here.](#)

## Are my tax \$\$ paying for more parking?

I voted to fund a library building. Is Option B providing funds for more downtown parking instead of a great library?

**Actually, more of your tax dollars will fund wonderful features for your library instead of paying for basics like the foundation, outer walls, or roof. [Read Why Here.](#)**

The Committee chose Option B because they realized that more of your funds would go to creating a great library:

- With high ceilings,
- Natural light through many windows,
- Great ventilation, and
- Flexible interior spaces.

Option B will also fit into the [City's Vision](#) to:

- Develop surface parking lots for multi-use needs, like HOUSING!
- Increase the Downtown's vitality,
- and encourage a more walkable community.



**Add your voice:** Whether the Cedar Street library greets you at street level, enjoys a bird's eye view on the top floor, or provides collections on multiple stories, *let your City Council know that Option B MUST fund an airy, light-filled, and beautiful library!*

[Read the Committee's Request to the City of Santa Cruz Here.](#)

**Review the entire Recommendation of the Downtown Library Advisory Committee to the City of Santa Cruz [here](#).**



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***Our next bulletin: Library Stories you'll find in Option B!***

