



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY EXECUTIVE

File #: 23-723

Board Meeting Date: 9/12/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Michael P. Callagy, County Executive

Subject: **Measure K:** Memorandum of Understanding with the San Mateo County Libraries in the amount of \$1,063,463 to support a new library in East Palo Alto

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the San Mateo County Libraries in the amount of \$1,063,463 to support a new library in East Palo Alto.

BACKGROUND:

On September 30, 2014, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") approved the San Mateo County FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget, which included **Measure K** funding for the East Palo Alto Library remodeling project. On June 28, 2016, the Board adopted Resolution No. 074636, authorizing the President of the Board to execute a Letter of Interest on behalf of the County of San Mateo supporting the East Palo Alto Library's exploration of a potential partnership with the Youth Arts & Music Center to develop a library on the property owned by the John and Marcia Goldman Foundation at Bay Road and Pulgas Avenue in East Palo Alto (attached).

The San Mateo County Libraries has included the **Measure K** funding in their budgets since FY 2014-15, but has not yet spent the funding.

DISCUSSION:

Since the approval of the **Measure K** funding for the East Palo Alto Library remodeling project, the City of East Palo Alto has purchased land on which to build a new public library at 1950 Bay Road in East Palo Alto and is ready to begin the construction process. San Mateo County Libraries desires to contribute the **Measure K** funding toward the new library, as opposed to the renovation project previously approved by the Board. The cost to acquire the site for the library was \$3,260,000. This Measure K funding will contribute to this amount.

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the obligations of the County and San Mateo County Libraries with respect to use of the **Measure K** funding for the proposed new East Palo Alto Library project.

EQUITY STATEMENT:

Building a new public library in East Palo Alto will ensure equal access to library services for residents of all races, ethnicities and ages.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	Target
Construction of a new public library in East Palo Alto	Complete

The County Attorney’s Office has reviewed the MOU and resolution as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Measure K funding the amount of \$1,063,463 in support of the new East Palo Alto Library has been included in the County’s and the San Mateo County Library’s adopted budgets since FY 2014-15. There is no impact to Net County Cost as a result of this MOU.