

Montebello Library Revitalization Project

The LA County Library system includes 86 County libraries; 4 cultural resource centers embedded in libraries; and a fleet of mobile libraries. There are over 3,000 square miles and 10 million LA County residents served by the LA County Library system. Among these libraries, Montebello Library is one of the largest at 31,000 square feet. It is considered a regional library that also houses administrative staff that oversee the area.

In fiscal year 2025 to 2026, Montebello Library had over 88,000 visits, held more than 110 programs for residents of all ages and more than 70,300 items were physically checked out. Despite the rise of the digital age, physical checkouts still outpaced the 28,000 digital items that were checked out through this library. It is undeniable that this library is still lovingly utilized by the more than 60,000 residents residing in Montebello and even more in the surrounding communities.

The library opened its doors in October 1966. Since then, the library has been maintained and received some modern upgrades. However, decades of use have left the floors in a condition that needs replacement, lighting fixtures require modernization to improve energy efficiency, painting needs replacement inside and out, restrooms need new partitions and book shelving and furniture need repairs or replacement. These are a

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few examples of the work that is needed to revitalize the Montebello Library and situate it to continue servicing the residents with a quality experience and service for years to come.

Representing the County, the LA County Library will directly oversee the proposed Project. The work for this Project will be performed through LA County Master Agreement vendors, with Library Maintenance Section staff performing the general refresh tasks like painting, replacing lights with LEDs, and installing new signs. The total Project budget will not exceed \$882,500 and will be funded with unused balances from the First Supervisorial District's Library Utility User Tax.

~~The LA County Library has determined that the use of a Board approved Job Order Contract (JOC) is the most appropriate contracting method to expedite and complete the proposed Project within the total budget not to exceed \$882,500. The LA County Library will also accept the project at completion on behalf of the County.~~

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G;

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2. Approve the Project and funding of \$882,500 in First Supervisorial District Library Utility User Tax funds;

3. ~~Authorize the LA County Library to execute the Project on behalf of the County using a Board-approved JOC, to issue a JOC Work Order Authorization in excess of \$330,000, and to take actions necessary to implement the work~~Delegate authority to the Director of LA County Library, or their designee, to enter into contracts and/or agreements not to exceed \$882,500 for the purpose of procuring equipment and vendors for the completion of the Montebello Library Revitalization Project; and

4. Authorize the Director of the LA County Library, or designee, to approve and accept the Project at completion on behalf of the County.

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