



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR REED

**FROM:** Councilmember Donald Rocha

**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**DATE:** May 22, 2013

Approved

*Don Rocha*  
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Date

5-22-13

## RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

### Proposal

Program/Project Title: **OPEN ALL BRANCH LIBRARIES 4.5 DAYS PER WEEK**

Amount of City Funding Required: \$1,476,000 in 2013-14, \$2,000,000 ongoing

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): General Fund

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

This proposal would increase hours at all branch libraries to 4.5 days per week. Over the past decade, the City has made a substantial investment in new library facilities, funded by the voter-approved library bond. These new libraries are a source of great pride for our community, serving as centers of learning, access points for the internet and other technology, and community gathering places. Unfortunately, these wonderful facilities are currently underutilized because they are only open four days a week. By increasing library hours to 4.5 days per week, this proposal would take a step towards maximizing the value residents receive from the capital investment that they approved through the bond measure.

In order to fund this proposal with ongoing money, I recommend deferring opening of the South San Jose Police Substation, thus freeing up just over \$2 million in ongoing funds. I am supportive of opening the Substation, and recognize that it may have benefits for policing in South San Jose at some point, but am not convinced that now is the time. Both the libraries and the Substation are bond-funded facilities that deserve to be fully utilized; my recommendation is that in this budget year we prioritize our citywide branch library system, and revisit the substation issue in future years.

### Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund): Defer opening of the South San Jose Police Substation

Department or Organization: Library Department

Department or Organization Contact (list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation):

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This change is:

One-time       Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services