



**SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
EDUCATION & DIGITAL LITERACY**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2018

The Council of the City of San José convened in Special Session at 9:13 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Council Members - Carrasco, Davis, Diep, Jones, T. Nguyen, Peralez, Rocha; Liccardo.

Absent: Council Members - Arenas, Khamis, Jimenez.

Staff: Assistant City Attorney Ed Moran; City Manager, David Sykes; Library Director Jill Bourne; City Clerk Toni J. Taber, CMC; Deputy City Clerk, Ruth Krantz.

Documents Filed: (1) Joint memorandum from Mayor Sam Liccardo and Councilmember Donald Rocha, dated May 3, 2018, approving staff recommendations. (2) Memorandum from Library Director Jill Bourne, dated May 2, 2018, recommending approval of the staff report with direction to staff. (3) San José's Education Initiative, dated May 7, 2018. (4) "Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California."

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Sam Liccardo offered opening comments and appreciation for everyone's collaboration and participation.

Library Director Jill Bourne, began presentation answering the question "Why Education?", and followed with offering an Education and Digital Literacy Strategy Background, Key City Actions and Perspectives, Strategic Partnership and Community Investment, and Existing Investment in Education by the City.

Ms. Bourne introduced San José Public Library Foundation Executive Director Dr. Dawn Coppin, sharing their focus on early education.

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Matthew Tinsley, Ph.D, Director of the Strong Start Project, Santa Clara County Office of Education, then continued with Entering School Ready to Learn and Succeed, County-wide preschool access gaps, and discussed cost issues.

Wendy Mahaney-Gurahoo, Deputy Chief of Early Learning, FIRST 5 Santa Clara County, continued with the “Whole Child Approach”, Seeds of learning.

Library Director Jill Bourne continued the presentation and the Mayor posed questions regarding barriers to having facilities and questions regarding the level of standards. Both Wendy Mahaney-Gurahoo and Matthew Tinsley responded to questions. Mary Ann Dewan, Superintendent, Santa Clara County Office of Education also fielded questions from Council.

Wendy Mahaney-Gurahoo introduced the American Society for Quality Education Division networks on concepts of quality in education and offered a sampling of an ‘Ages and Stages Questionnaire’.

Samantha Kramer, Education Initiatives Manager Public Library tested Council with a series of brain-teasers.

Jill continued with Expanding Education Beyond the School Day. She introduced Dr. Hilaria Bauer, Superintendent Alum Rock Union School District, who discussed “San José Learns”.

Mara Wold, Regional Lead, MCOE Educational Service introduced ASSET’s program funds to implement programs or activities and grantee selection.

Library Director Jill Bourne covered a presentation for Regan Suhay, Co-Founder Denver Afterschool Alliance.

Goals for SJ Works were discussed, and Ingrid Holguin, Policy Advisor of Strategic Partnerships from the Mayor’s Office followed up with SJ Promise, College & Career Readiness & Success.

Library Director Jill Bourne responded to additional questions and offered closing comments.

Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco left around 11:15 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Dr. Kristin Rivers, representing the Library & Education Commission, discussed increasing access and decreasing barriers to education.
2. Thaddeus Aid, Early Education Commissioner, discussed support for students with early learning issues and hindrance of enforcing library fines.
3. Janice Allen, Library, Early Education Commission, addressed the issue of education as a City priority.

Motion: Councilmember Donald Rocha moved approval of staff recommendations and the memorandum he coauthored with Mayor Sam Liccardo. Councilmember Dev Davis seconded the motion.

Action: On a call for the question, the motion carried unanimously, and the staff report was approved. (7-0-4. Absent: Jimenez, Khamis, Carrasco, Arenas.)

ADJOURNMENT

The Council Study Session adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

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Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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