



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember David Cohen
Councilmember Pam Foley

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: June 10, 2022

Approved

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF ADDITIONAL VENDOR NEGOTIATION

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept the Mayor's Budget Message
2. Ensure that Library Staff are provided discretion to determine the appropriate list of libraries where hours should be extended to Sundays, utilizing operational, equity, proximity, and usage considerations.

DISCUSSION

Consistently, libraries are one of the most popular services offered by the City of San Jose to our residents. To fully serve our community, all branch libraries should have their hours restored to 47 hours per week and should offer Sunday hours. We know that getting to that point is a multi-year effort, and hope that budget conditions will allow us to achieve it in FY 2023-24. For now, we are happy to see 13 branches have their weekday hours restored to 47 hours and 13 branches offer 4 hours of Sunday service. Experience suggests that Sunday is one of the busiest days of the week for library patronage. The direction in this memo decouples the locations for Sunday hours from the branches that have their hours restored, as staff may determine that different neighborhoods have different needs. It is also important that all residents of the city have access to Sunday library hours.

Staff should be provided the discretion to balance library service across the city. Using measures of equity, usage, and proximity, along with operational considerations, staff will determine which branches will offer 4 hours of service on Sundays.