



# San José Public Library Foundation

May 7, 2018

To the Honorable Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers:

It gives me great pleasure to write a letter in full support of the San José City's Education Initiative led by the San José Public Library.

The San José Public Library Foundation has worked closely with the Library for 30 years to improve access to information for all residents of our city. We have come to realize, though, that it is one thing to have access and quite another to make good use of that information. We stand with the Library to implement this bold Education Initiative throughout the city that will ensure our children enter school ready to succeed, learn at grade level, and graduate high school on time prepared for college and career.

On behalf of the board of directors, I urge you to adopt the Education and Digital Literacy Strategy with its focus on Equity, Opportunity, Quality, and Accountability. Working collaboratively with City departments, community-based organizations, educational institutions, and philanthropists, we can realize our shared ambitions for our children's success.

Yours sincerely,

Jason Papier  
Chair, Board of Directors

# ALearn Silicon Valley Education Foundation

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Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

Please accept my statement of support for the activities outlined in the Education and Digital Literacy Strategy and my commitment to ongoing partnership with City of San José.

The ALearn Silicon Valley Education Foundation is committed to elevating academic achievement through innovation. We have been pleased to partner with the City of San José to implement programs that enhance reading and mathematics outcomes for youth at school sites through SJ Learns and in community centers and libraries in afterschool and summer. We enthusiastically support the innovative approaches that the City has taken in developing the proposed Education and Digital Literacy Strategy, including the expansion of an out-of-school-time network that offers our grade-school students additional learning opportunities that augment their formal academic schooling. We share a strong commitment to youth achievement and professional development for educators and providers.

I thank you for your support of our students and look forward to continuing our partnership. The City's adoption of an Education and Digital Literacy strategy will define this shared commitment and allow us to develop high-quality programs with measurable outcomes.

Manny Barbara  
Interim CEO and Vice President, Advocacy and Thought Leadership  
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Make them count.

May 3, 2018

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

I am pleased to convey my complete support for the Education and Digital Literacy Strategy and my commitment to ongoing collaboration and partnership with the City of San Jose.

FIRST 5 Santa Clara County is dedicated to ensuring that high quality programs, services and experiences are available to all children and their families prenatal and beyond, that support their social, emotional, and intellectual growth and development. FIRST 5 has partnered with the City of San Jose in a variety of ways where we have worked together to meet the needs of families with young children, including the very successful bridge libraries located within our Family Resource Centers. As we work together across the County to increase the availability of high quality early learning opportunities, I am encouraged by the proposed approach of our partners within the City of San Jose to ensure that all programs for young children achieve the standard of quality that meets their developmental and learning needs. All children in San Jose and throughout Santa Clara County deserve the opportunity to enter Kindergarten ready to learn and succeed.

I look forward to continuing our work together and confirm our willingness to act as a lead partner with the City of San Jose. FIRST 5 offers our support, guidance and collaborative efforts as we move forward on behalf of our families and children.

Respectfully,

Jolene Smith  
Chief Executive Officer  
FIRST 5 Santa Clara County

CC: Supervisor Ken Yeager, Chair, FIRST 5 Commission



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

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To the Honorable Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Council Members:

The YMCA of Silicon Valley is in strong support of continuing the work of the Education and Digital Literacy Strategy as a partner to the City of San José. The academic success of San José's youth is a significant indicator of the future prosperity of our Bay Area community, and we support the ongoing development of the City's involvement. Together, we can advance learning opportunities for both our youth and our community as a whole.

We believe the approach put forth in the Education and Digital Literacy Strategy of prioritizing Equity, Opportunity, Quality, and Accountability will help align partnerships and reach our community goals. The City has an essential role in partnership with our school districts, our YMCA of Silicon Valley, and other community-based organizations, to ensure that all students in every neighborhood have access to quality learning experiences that support academic and personal achievement. From the integration of SJPL's Summer Learning Challenge with YMCA literacy camps to the continuation of our shared summer lunch initiative for hungry families, the YMCA is pleased with the City's demonstrated commitment to providing and partnering to increase the positive impact of these much needed services.

We are eager to continue and expand this collaboration, supporting education and community wellness on behalf of our residents.

In partnership,

Sandra Berlin Walker  
President & CEO

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