
INTERIOR SAFETY BARRIERS AT THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

ITEM 5.1

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BACKGROUND

- ▶ Unique partnership with San José State University
- ▶ Opened in 2003; 15th Anniversary!
- ▶ Serves 2.2M visits annually
- ▶ Relationship governed by Joint Operating Agreement and Annual Cost Sharing Agreement
- ▶ Building maintenance, security, and capital improvements managed by SJSU Facilities Development and Operations (FD&O)



BACKGROUND

- ▶ **Suicide deaths on January 11, 2016, and February 1, 2017**
- ▶ **Urgent need to improve the existing safety barriers surrounding the atrium at King Library**
- ▶ **Additional SJSU goal of completing construction during the summer break to minimize disruption to Library services in the academic year**

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BACKGROUND

- ▶ Agreement with Blach Construction June 27, 2017
- ▶ Project initiation July 5, 2017
- ▶ Project completion September 2017
- ▶ Total project cost \$3,031,278





ANALYSIS | COST IMPLICATIONS

- ▶ Operating Agreement provisions for sharing costs
- ▶ Major Capital Projects ~ Initial Investment in the Facility
 - ▶ 41% City | 59% SJSU
 - ▶ 41% = \$1,243,000
- ▶ Funds available to be appropriated from other previously planned capital projects at King Library

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RESULTS

- ▶ Successful completion of glass wall barriers around atrium
- ▶ Internal curtain wall retains natural light and openness
- ▶ Improved safety and sense of security
- ▶ Improved internal procedures for addressing major capital needs





RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept the staff report

Adopt 2018-19
Appropriation and
Ordinance amendments

Approve \$1,242,824
expenditure for King Library
interior safety barriers