

# Capitola City Council

## Agenda Report



**Meeting:** February 12, 2026

**From:** City Manager Department

**Subject:** Fifth Amendment to Library Joint Powers Agreement

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**Recommended Action:** Authorize the City Manager to execute the fifth amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement for Library Services between the City of Santa Cruz and the County of Santa Cruz and the Cities of Capitola and Scotts Valley, extending the term effective January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2032.

**Background:** The Santa Cruz Public Libraries (SCPL) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) is a legal agreement between the County of Santa Cruz and the Cities of Santa Cruz, Capitola, and Scotts Valley. The JPA was formed in 1996 and oversees the operations and policies. A separate JPA, the Santa Cruz County Library Financing Authority, provides funding for the library system. The SCPL JPA oversees 10 library branches throughout the County and three cities, and the City of Santa Cruz provides contracted administration services to the library system.

The Fifth Amendment to the JPA between the City of Santa Cruz and the County of Santa Cruz and the Cities of Capitola and Scotts Valley relating to Library Services (Fifth Amendment) extends the term from January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2032, to align with the Santa Cruz County Library Financing Authority. The Library Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors accepted and filed the Fifth Amendment at its December 12, 2025, meeting and forwarded it to member agencies for approval.

**Discussion:** The Fifth Amendment (Attachment 1) extends the term of the Library Joint Powers Authority (LJPA) to align with the current term of the Library Financing Authority (LFA). The LJPA's new term will be effective January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2032. No other changes are proposed.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

### Attachments:

1. Proposed Fifth Amendment
2. Fourth Amendment, signed December 2016

**Alignment with 2025-2029 Strategic Plan Priority:** Accountable Government; Community Safety; Healthy Families, Community, and Environment

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