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HC01/06/25 Meeting Agenda Item 02 Library Courtyard Project

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To Public Comment - HC <HCpubliccomment@losaltosca.gov>

PC Chair Beninato & History Commission Vice Chair Adams

Subject: PC / History 01/06/2025 Meeting Library Courtyard Project

**I am concerned about Main Library Fire Exit Safety, Ability to see Video Monitors, and Noise from Main Library A/C Unit. I recommend you continue this Public Review to obtain Fire Department approval and allow applicant to address following issues:**

- **Fire Exit Safety:** Main Library has three [two double & one single] fire exit doors on south side and only one on north side. Library current usage configuration on northside is children room, public computers, meeting pods, and study desks. This means nearest Fire exit for 70% of occupants is northside door. Northside Courtyard project would require fire exit for main building evacuates to walk through north side door, then walk a five-steps, make a right turn, open gate then make left turn to get away from building. Also, Main Library floor elevation is at least 15 inches above Orchard elevation. Drawing does not show how elevation drop to sidewalks accessing Library parking, City Hal, and San Antonio sidewalks is managed. In my opinion, Fire Department would not approve of this design due to only single door exit and restricted access to sidewalks.
- **Main Library A/C unit next to Courtyard is very noisy:** TRANE A/C unit is of older design and near its useful life. Page 35 shows how close it is to Courtyard Project. It is so noisy, that people sitting on bench where Courtyard Project is located will get up and move away when A/C is running. In my opinion, public sitting in planned Courtyard will be bothered by A/C noise.
- **Meeting attendees will be bothered by direct sunlight blocking video monitors.** Seats are east / west. That allows direct sunlight, early to midmorning and mid to late afternoon to shine on monitors and block video monitors image. Midday viewing will not be blocked because monitors are designed to display only in **indirect light**. Late afternoon attendees will also be bothered by looking into setting sun.
- **Night light pole should be installed to guide pedestrians walking on “curved sidewalk” around sitting area.** This will help guide pedestrians who park at Library and walk sidewalks to night Council and Planning city hall meetings. Only light we now have is street light on San Antonio. Light pole would also help nighttime security.

Thank you for your consideration! Jim Wing, Milverton Road, Los Altos