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Dear Commissioners,

I believe there may be some unfortunate confusion regarding the square footage of the Main Library Courtyard project that is causing members of our community concern. I am writing to try to clear up this confusion so that the project can truly be considered on its merits which are abundant.

The total square footage of 8,265 sq. ft. includes ALL of the concrete pathways throughout the Civic Center.

Here is the breakdown of the square footage for this project:

Courtyard Permeable Pavers	-	3,575 sq. ft.
Renovated concrete paths	-	2,308 sq. ft.
Civic Center improvements	-	339 sq. ft.
Enclosed storage	-	168 sq. ft.
Access and storage (existing)	-	363 sq. ft.
Emergency Exit concrete	-	70 sq. ft.
Walls	-	507 sq. ft.
Planting Area	-	835 sq. ft.

This project is designed to enhance the Apricot Orchard and provide a space for library patrons and the general public to enjoy it and learn about it. The Main Library Courtyard is a positive development for both the library and the orchard.

The Los Altos Library Endowment has guaranteed to fund 100% of the costs of this Library Courtyard project. A very generous donation by the Chou family to the Los Altos Library Endowment will be used as part of the funding for the project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Freddie Wheeler  
President  
Los Altos Library Endowment