

Friends of the Library of Los Altos PO Box 212 Los Altos, CA 94023-0212

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To: City of Los Altos Recreation and Community Services;

For many years, the City of Los Altos has provided space for Los Altos Friends of the Library book sales and operations at no cost. First, at the Hillview Community Center, and then at the Los Altos Youth Center. On behalf of the friends of the library, I am asking that you extend this fee waiver to include the new Los Altos Community Center, Grand Oak room, Manzanita room, Sequoia room, and lobby area. We would like to use these areas for our August community book sale. We would need to begin our set up at 4 PM on Thursday, August 3, and we will be cleaned up and gone by 7 PM on Sunday, August 7. The recreation department has calculated our fee waiver request to be \$11,040.

The Los Altos friends of the library is a 100% volunteer organization. 100% of our income goes to support the library and associated community projects. The friends have paid for the furniture in the Library teen room, the the Los Altos library's popular best sellers collection, and many other items over the last 40 years. Our community book sales provide free books for teachers, through our books4schools program as well as low-cost books for community members, and volunteer opportunities for over 100 people. All books are either reused or recycled.

Like all other friends groups in Santa Clara County we can only provide this community service with the support of the city. We do not know of any other city which charges friends groups for the use of their facilities

The city and the friends have always been symbiotic community partners and we look forward to continuing that at this Beautiful new facility.

Thank you for your consideration

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