

From: [Steve Rabinowitsh](#)
To: [CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prince Memorial Greenway Funding
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:13:48 AM

Dear Mayor Rogers and Council Members:

The Prince Memorial Greenway was built in the mid 1990s at a cost of over \$25 million. Benefits of the Greenway include:

- Provides critical open space for residents, businesses and future housing downtown
- Includes bikeways and walking trails connect to all parts of the City and County
- Supports the local economy and quality of life of neighborhoods, residents and visitors.

In recent years the Greenway has fallen into disrepair in spite of efforts of the efforts of City staff. Problems include graffiti, need for new landscaping, damage to benches, rock walls and lighting, as well as homelessness. The result is fewer residents using the Greenway, which could result in further isolation of the Greenway from the neighboring properties and community at large.

If we do not invest in the Greenway now, it will continue to decline and our investment will be jeopardized through more deterioration.

Please consider this request for funds to increase maintenance of the Greenway and to make necessary improvements.

Sincerely,
Steve Rabinowitsh

From: [Reilly, Shelley](#)
To: [Manis, Dina](#); [Williams, Stephanie](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Budget Staff Comment Form
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 8:08:26 AM

FYI – Received last night.

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 8:33 PM
To: Reilly, Shelley <sreilly@srcity.org>; Conner, Veronica <VConner@srcity.org>; Wagner, Scott <swagner@srcity.org>; Frugoli, Mike <MFrugoli@srcity.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Budget Staff Comment Form

Budget Staff Comment Form

Your name, email address, and phone number are not required. However, if you provide them, we will be able to ask follow-up questions and better understand your comments.

First Name Ray

Last Name Holley

Email Address 

Phone Number 

Comments & Questions Dear Santa Rosa city leaders – I am submitting the letter below on behalf of Sonoma County Library Director Ann Hammond, as public input to your FY 21/22 budget. Thanks for all you do!

Dear Mayor Rogers, Vice Mayor Rogers, Councilmembers Alvarez, Fleming, Sawyer, Schwedhelm, and Tibbetts, and city staff:

Thank you again for your steadfast belief in the value of a free public library. Since the 19th Century, you have partnered with Santa Rosa libraries, and today one-quarter of all Sonoma County Library branches are in Santa Rosa. Together, we provide extraordinary resources to your residents.

This year, we have an opportunity to make a permanent investment in your city and a highly visible commitment to Santa Rosa's newest neighborhood, by joining the library and the philanthropic community to build a permanent new library in Roseland. You have already begun that work with annual support for our lease at 470 Sebastopol Road, a temporary location that will serve Roseland for the next five years.

Our next step is to identify a permanent site for a Roseland library, and we are asking for your support. We've spoken to many of you, and to your staff, and we're grateful for the spirit of cooperation that lifts this goal. The original concept of sharing a small space in the Roseland Neighborhood Village has become impractical, which provides an opportunity to expand our search.

A permanent library in Roseland has been a top tier goal for this council for many years, and with access to wildfire settlement funds, you have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make an investment in a public resource that will serve your city for decades.

Santa Rosa libraries provide support for school readiness, student success, workforce development, family and community needs, and gathering spaces. A new library will do all this and more, and will be a much-needed community hub, with direct and measurable impacts on community recovery and resiliency.

We ask you today to consider a \$10 million commitment to a permanent library in Roseland, and to encumber those funds for up to three years, while we work with your staff and the community to identify and acquire a site.

We are not here today with a shovel-ready project, but we do have a neighborhood-ready project, a community-ready project, a heart-ready project, and its momentum will carry us forward, together.

The pandemic has exposed so many structural fissures in our communities, and we urge you to join us in this effort to help our communities recover.

We recognize that this type of funding rarely comes along, and you can send a powerful message tonight to residents west of Highway 101 that you are committed to a permanent library for Roseland, sooner rather than later.

Ann Hammond, Sonoma County Library Director
Deborah Doyle, Chair, Sonoma County Library Commission
David Cahill, Sonoma County Library Commission, Santa Rosa appointee
Karen G. Schneider, Sonoma County Library Commission, Santa Rosa/Sonoma County appointee
Patricia Kuta, Co-Founder, Roseland Library Coalition
Norma Doyle, Co-Founder, Roseland Library Coalition
Sara Ortiz, President, Sonoma County Public Library Foundation
Stephanie Manieri, Trustee, Santa Rosa School Board
Evette Minor, Member, General Plan Community Advisory Council

Sarah Laggos, President, Santa Rosa Library Advisory Board
Sarah Swearingen, President, Friends of the Santa Rosa
Libraries
Caroline Bañuelos, Trustee, Santa Rosa Junior College
Magdalena Ridley, Roseland Community Leader
Herman J. Hernandez, Latino Community Leader
Efren Carrillo, former County Supervisor, Roseland Advocate
Carlos Chavez, Latino Business Leader

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