From:	Ray Holley
То:	City Council Public Comments
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] February 9 study session input
Date:	Friday, February 5, 2021 5:14:40 PM
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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 February 9 study session. Thanks for all you do!

#### A permanent library in Roseland

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

Ray Holley, on behalf of Ann Hammond Communications Manager Public Information Officer Sonoma County Library rholley@sonomalibrary.org Direct: 707-755-2014 Mobile: 707-292-5323



From:	<u>Richardson</u>
To:	City Council Public Comments
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Roseland Library
Date:	Friday, February 5, 2021 7:10:59 PM

This would be one of the best uses for 10 Million dollars from the PG&E settlement. We strongly support it. Please approve.

Thanks,

Harry & Dee Richardsopn

From:	<u>lia supanich</u>
То:	City Council Public Comments
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Funds to Roseland library
Date:	Saturday, February 6, 2021 6:20:52 PM

### To Whom it may be of concern,

As a local resident of Sonoma county for the past 20 years, I have spent my fair share of time at our local libraries. I appreciate so much the increased funding that has been allocated to our libraries. This has enabled our libraries to upscale their offerings and the ways in which they support our community. I am out of the loop as to what the current funding looks like for Roseland's library but I am sure that it is high time for Roseland to receive all the funds that they require in order to operate at a level in unison with the rest of Sonoma county libraries. I would not hesitate to compare/contrast Roseland and the Rhonert Park library or say Roselands ability to serve their community versus Rincon Valley. Not to make separate or encourage division but to highlight the unique needs and the very obvious inequality of Roseland's operating budget. Atleast this is how it looks to me, a common bystander with no knowledge of the innerworkings of what must be a difficult and complicated system. But does it need to be? The time is now to make decisions and act in right relationship towards our Earth and Her inhabitants. Go fund the Roseland Library. Give all you've got. The library must be funded at a level of equitable means of operation. How do we speak to the diverse needs of our Community? We level the playing field, at the very least. Thank you for hearing me.

Sincerely, Lia B Supa Resident of Fulton (unincorporated Santa Rosa)

From:	Eva Bilderbeck
To:	City Council Public Comments
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] In support of Roseland library
Date:	Sunday, February 7, 2021 3:57:24 PM

Hello,

I am writing in support of funding the 10million to the Rosaland library as part of the PG&E settlement.

I am a resident of Santa Rosa and use the library in my neighborhood frequently, it has been so beneficial for me and my children. I wish the same resource for the families in Roseland

Thank you Eva Bilderbeck

, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Eva Bilderbeck

From:	Tahereh Mirzakazemi
To:	City Council Public Comments
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Funding for Roseland Library
Date:	Sunday, February 7, 2021 4:09:28 PM

My name is Tahereh Naderi and I am a physician at Santa Rosa Community Health. I see many children in my practice that come from the Roseland neighborhood and for their benefit, I ask you to please commit \$10 million from the PG&E settlement towards building a new public library in Roseland.

This would be a necessary and empowering opportunity for our community, and one step forward one the path of justice and equity for all of the residents of Santa Rosa.

Tahereh K. Naderi, MD Integrative Medicine Fellow 2020-2021 Sutter Santa Rosa Family Medicine Residency

"The wrong in the world continues to exist just because people talk only of their ideals, and do not strive to put them into practice. If actions took the place of words, the world's misery would very soon be changed into comfort."

-- `Abdu'l-Bahá

From:	Jennifer Herman
То:	City Council Public Comments
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Agenda item 3.1, Support of Roseland Public Library
Date:	Sunday, February 7, 2021 6:13:07 PM

I am in strong support of using PG&E funds to support the a permanent Roseland Public Library

Thank you, Jennifer Herman FNP she/her pronouns District 4 --Jennifer Nicole Herman, MSN, RN, FNP-BC City Counsel,

Please vote that \$10 million of the PG&E settlement be applied to the Roseland Library Funding.

The Roseland community has been educationally underserved too long.

Thank you, Sue Bates-Pintar

Sent from my iPhone

To SR City Council,

I am a FNP in working at Santa Rosa Community Health on Lombardi Court in Roseland. I see first hand how many kids could benefit from a robust local community library offering bilingual books for all ages and enriching programming. Just a few examples.. We know early development is a crucial period for language learning and many of my young patients have little access to books. My teenage patients need social and academic enrichment and libraries have always been a host for tutoring and teen programs that provide a place for kids to explore their curiosity. Libraries also host ESL and computer learning services for adults. This community really need all these resources.

Many of my youth hours were spent in my hometown library and to this day I find joy spending time in a *publically* supported (yay!) learning environment. We see time and again the disparity maps showing how Roseland fairs poorly compared with the rest of Santa Rosa in studies of health, education, and resource distribution. This needs to change. Please do 95407 a huge service by creating a permanent beautiful library - it will be such a rewarding investment in the community's future!

Thank you, Nisha Patel

From:	Terry Winter
То:	City Council Public Comments
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] public comment on Roseland Library
Date:	Sunday, February 7, 2021 7:18:48 PM

I would like to strongly support dedicating \$10 million from the PG&E settlement funds to a new Roseland library. While there are many deserving ways to spend the money, the Roseland community has been and continues to be underserved by government. The need for equity in how we serve our communities, especially our historically underserved communities, is well past due!

Thank you

Terry Winter

From:	Renee Riggs
То:	CityCouncilListPublic
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] PG&E Settlement Funds to Support Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway Acquisition
Date:	Sunday, February 7, 2021 9:24:50 PM

Mayor and Councilmembers,

This letter is in support of using PGE Settlement funds for purchase of the developable plots on the Greenway. I believe that it is a win-win for Santa Rosa. It allows the transaction to purchase the Greenway to move ahead. It also adds viable and buildable land to the city's portfolio to be able to be used for affordable housing and development.

The Greenway is indeed a transformative project—it will provide many benefits to the community and also will support the city's 2020 priorities and goals.

Thank you,



City of Santa Rosa Santa Rosa City Hall 100 Santa Rosa Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95404

RE: PG& E Settlement Funds to Support Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway Acquisition

Dear Mayor Schwedhelm and City Council members:

As a bicyclist I have been a member of the Southeast Greenway Campaign for close to 10 years. CalTrans has finally been willing to sell the land, which was going to be the extension of Highway 12. Our plan is to make the 47-acre part of the 56.7-acre parcel into a linear park with bike and walking paths. The other 9.7 acres which abut Farmer Lane is zoned for housing and mixed-use development and would not be part of the park. However, CalTrans is not willing to separate the two parcels in the sale. The Greenway chairs have submitted a letter supporting the city using PG&E settlement funds to help purchase the property. I strongly support the use of these funds to provide housing and recreational opportunities.

Sincerely,

Vincent Hoagland Member, Sonoma County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

From:	Barbara Hoff
То:	City Council Public Comments
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Fwd: CWGA Herd the News Weekly ~ February 28, 2020
Date:	Monday, February 8, 2021 8:26:08 AM

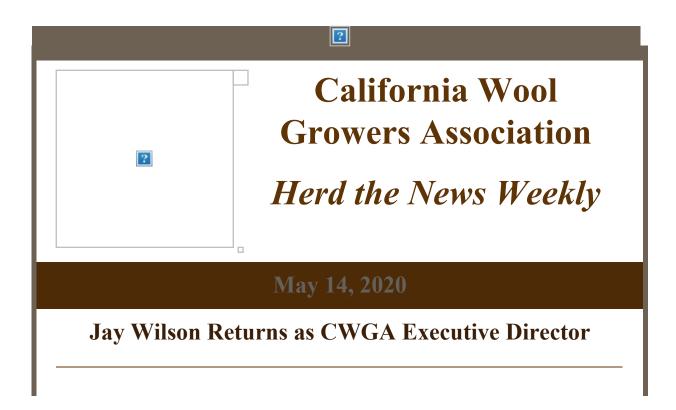
Please scroll down to CWGA Wildfire Ad Hoc Committee Update.

------ Forwarded message ------From: **Barbara Hoff** <<u>bmhoff44@gmail.com</u>> Date: Tue, Dec 1, 2020 at 12:50 PM Subject: Fwd: CWGA Herd the News Weekly ~ February 28, 2020 To: <<u>citycouncil@srcity.org</u>>

Council Members, This concerns the use of targeted grazing a a means of vegetation abatement to reduce the risk of wildfires. Please scroll down to the italicized section of the California Woolgrowers Association newletter under the heading CWGA Wildfire Ad Hoc Committee Update.

Barbara Hoff Santa Rosa resident

----- Forwarded message ------



The CWGA Board of Directors has hired Jay Wilson to replace Erica Sanko as the organization's Executive Director. Long-time members will recall that Wilson previously served as Executive Director from 1987 through 1997. He also served as Executive Director/CEO of the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center in Washington DC. Wilson will start with CWGA on June 1.

"We're very excited to have Jay back on board," said CWGA President, Dan Macon. "He'll be able to hit the ground running on issues like sheepherder wages, targeted grazing for wildfire control, and USDA's coronavirus response efforts. I hope you'll join me in welcoming Jay back to CWGA!"

# USDA Announces Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

USDA will soon begin taking applications for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. As part of applying for the program, you'll need to contact the Farm Service Agency county office at your local USDA Service Center to schedule an appointment. Find your office at http://farmers.gov/cfap. Your local FSA staff will work with you to apply for the program, and through forms asking for this type of information:

- Contact Information
- Personal, including your Tax Identification Number
- Farming operating structure
- Adjusted Gross Income to ensure eligibility
- Direct deposit to enable payment processing

Please do not send any personal information to USDA without first initiating contact through a phone call to your local FSA office. FSA has streamlined the signup process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately needed. If you are an existing customer, this information is likely on file at your local Service Center.

Payments will be calculated as follows:

- Price losses that occurred January 1 April 15, 2020: Producers will be compensated for 85% of price loss during that period.
- Expected losses from April 15 through the next two quarters: Producers will be compensated for 30% of expected losses.

*What Can You Do Now?* While the application process has not started, you can start gathering and understanding your farm's recent sales and inventory.

*How Will USDA Accept Applications?* USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only. Once the application period opens, please call your FSA county

office to schedule an appointment. FSA staff are working with our agricultural producers by phone and using email, fax, mail, and online tools to accept applications.

*New to Working with the Farm Service Agency?* FSA has county offices located at USDA Service Centers across the country. To find your office and more information on CFAP, visit <u>farmers.gov/CFAP</u>.

# **CWGA Wildfire Ad Hoc Committee Update**

Thanks to the leadership of committee chair Roger Ingram and committee member Marie Hoff, the CWGA Wildfire Ad Hoc Committee has produced an information packet and letter that will be sent to government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and others urging the use of sheep and goat grazing for controlling fuel loads. The full committee includes Rob Rutherford, Brad Fowler, Andree Soares, Ryan Indart, Mark Blakeman, and Ed Anchordoguy. The committee will also continue to work with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure policy support for increased targeted grazing.

If you're interested in supporting this effort as a CWGA member, please feel free to use this letter as an introduction with potential clients!

On behalf the California Wool Growers Association, I am contacting you regarding the use of targeted grazing as a tool to reduce fire hazard risk and mitigate fine fuel load. The California Wool Growers Association (http://californiawoolgrowers.org/) is a non-profit trade organization representing California's sheep and goat producers, with a number of our members working in targeted grazing. Used with consistent success by many public agencies to manage fuel load, grazing also includes the co-benefits of increased carbon sequestration, provides an ecologically-sensitive alternative to chemical herbicides, is popular with the general public, and supports the future of agriculture in California. Included in this email are resources to help you find and make use of contracted grazing operations to meet your vegetation management and fire mitigation goals.

Fire season in California has become a year-round issue. Wildfires are not only more frequent but far more devastating. Targeted grazing saves important ecosystems and neighboring cities and towns that may be threatened by wildfire by reducing vegetation before it becomes a hazard. Research in Nevada found targeted grazing reduced fuel characteristics such as fuel bed depth, percent cover and fuel loading, resulting in reductions in flame length and rate of spread. (Diamond Joel M., et al (2009) Effects of targeted cattle grazing on fire behavior International Journal of Wildland Fire 18, 944-950). More recently, in the 2019 Easy Fire near the Ronald Reagan Library in Ventura County, a CNN article (Reagan Library 2019 Fire) noted that 500 goats grazing around the library in the spring created a firebreak that helped fight the fire in the fall. Targeted grazing has successfully reduced fuel loads across the state in over 26 counties. Examples include East Bay Regional Parks District, other public agencies, fire districts, cities, and homeowners' associations.

Sheep and goats are able to penetrate areas that are too steep to get to with mechanical equipment, as well as service large tracts of land that may be beyond the reach of

prescribed burning. Grazing is the only fuels treatment that removes biomass and moves it into the soil. As the forage on these landscapes is rarely rich enough to fatten animals to make a profit on meat sales, contracted targeted grazing focuses attention on vegetation management goals as a service, and as such it charges a fee for service as do other tools and methods.

Attached is literature from Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), the advisory committee to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, for more of an overview of targeted grazing. It provides information on things to consider when hiring a grazing contractor and how to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP), with examples included. How to find the right grazer: Typically land managers find grazing operations in one of two ways. They either find and reach out directly to a contractor, or they issue an RFP and pick from a group of applicants. To find and reach out directly see CWGA's Directory (**CWGA Targeted Grazing Directory**), or contact your local UC Cooperative Extension office (find your local office at **https://ucanr.edu/About/Locations/**).

We are asking your organization (or agency, etc) to consider utilizing targeted grazing as a tool for reducing fire risk. For any further questions or clarification, please email **info@woolgrowers.org**, and we will work to answer your questions and point you in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Daniel K. Macon, President California Wool Growers Association

# UC Rangelands / UC Cooperative Extension Hosting Working Rangelands Wednesdays Webinar Series

Join UC Rangelands and UCCE for Working Rangelands Wednesdays, exploring topics around rangeland agriculture in California and across the West. The goal of this webinar series is to discuss challenges related to managing multiple-use rangelands through an applied, land manager-oriented lens.

The next webinar is Wednesday, May 20 at 1pm PDT and will feature a rancher-panel discussing drought management on private lands in California.

- Jeff Clark, R. Emigh Livestock, Rio Vista, CA
- Joe Fischer, Bruin Ranch, Auburn, CA
- Melissa Tregilgas, Free Hand Farm, Placerville, CA

Register http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=30193 to receive a zoom link the morning of the webinar. Please note, this is not a direct link to the webinar-- you must register in advance.

Questions? Please contact Dan Macon at dmacon@ucanr.edu. See you on Wednesday!

### Vaccine and Supply Orders

CWGA will continue to accept orders for vaccines and other supplies. Send an email to **info@woolgrowers.org** or call (916) 444-8122 to place your order.

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

 August 14 - 15, 2020: CWGA 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Convention, Morro Bay, CA. Click here for details.

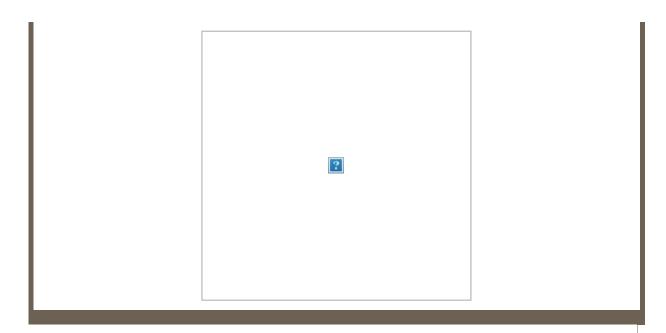
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From:	Barbara Hoff
To:	City Council Public Comments
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Fwd: PG&E funds for abatement of fire danger
Date:	Monday, February 8, 2021 8:21:52 AM

I am resending this message originally sent in December since the subject of pg&e funds and fire mitigation is on your agenda for February 9. I am also resending a document from the California Woolgrowers Association originally sent on December 1. It explains the advantages of using grazing in conjunction with controlled burning for fire mitigation. If you haven't read it already, I urge you to do so..

Barbara Hoff

------ Forwarded message ------From: **Barbara Hoff** <<u>bmhoff44@gmail.com</u>> Date: Mon, Dec 14, 2020 at 10:51 AM Subject: PG&E funds for abatement of fire danger To: <<u>cc-comment@srcity.org</u>>

Regarding the use of some of the PG&E funds to mitigate fire danger in Santa Rosa, I am proposing "the use of targeted grazing as a tool to reduce fire hazard risk and mitigate fine fuel load" as promoted by the California Woolgrowers' Association in a newsletter dated February 28, 2020 that I forwarded to City Council members on December 1, 2020. CWGA goes on to say, "..used with consistent success by many public agencies to manage fuel load, grazing also includes the co-benefits of increased carbon sequestration, provides an ecologically sensitive alternative to chemical herbicides, is popular with the general public, and supports the future of agriculture in California.

In the Spring of 2019 the Reagan Library in Simi Valley had 500 goats grazing around the library to create a firebreak that helped fight the fire in the Fall. Targeted grazing has successfully reduced fuel loads across California in over 26 counties.

Please seriously consider using targeted grazing in Santa Rosa. Questions or clarification needed? Email <u>info@woolgrowers.org</u>.

Thank you for your help in keeping our beautiful city safe.

Sincerely, Barbara Hoff Dear City Council Members,

I strongly support the allocation of 10 million dollars from the PG&E settlement funds towards the purchase of a site for a permanent Library branch in the Roseland neighborhood. As a tutor in the Library's Adult Literacy Program, a member of the Santa Rosa Library Advisory Board, and a retired court commissioner, I know that a Roseland Library branch will serve as a community center where the children and adults of that primarily Latino neighborhood can learn the skills they need to thrive in today's world.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cynthia Denenholz

From:	Laurie Biggers
То:	City Council Public Comments
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Public Comment
Date:	Monday, February 8, 2021 1:27:35 PM

The Roseland School District wholeheartedly supports community efforts to find and secure a permanent Roseland library branch for our community. Our families, students and staff deserve equal neighborhood access to the vast resources that a neighborhood library branch provides. We strongly urge the City Council to invest in this important project and look forward to working in partnership with the community to see it come to fruition!

Laurie Biggers, Acting Superintendent Roseland School District

Laurie Biggers Acting Superintendent Roseland School District (707) 545-0102 ext. 4218 (707) 545-5096 (fax)

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From:	HS DeCarion
То:	City Council Public Comments
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] re: Suuport the Roseland Library
Date:	Monday, February 8, 2021 3:16:09 PM

Dear City Council,

Please allocate \$10million to support the permanent Roseland library as part of the PG&E settlement. Literacy is such an important part of the enrichment of our lives. Children especially need access to good books in order to learn to read, and it is a great activity for parents to take their children to a local library. This will be a welcome, addition to Roseland so please vote YES.

Sincerely yours, Hally DeCarion former literacy tutor

#### Good afternoon,

I'm emailing today in support of utilizing the PG&E settlement funds to help establish a Roseland library. We need the library. We have a ton of kids and low income people in our neighborhood and we need to prepare ourselves and our children for the future. These funds are available, and if you don't invest in these kids now, when? The next generation? In the long run, a failure to invest in the working class families of your most densely populated neighborhood will cost more, and not just in terms of money.

The budget discrepancies between the two sides of town are glaringly obvious. I remember when Elsie Allen was built, but there wasn't funding to build a sidewalk. A child died that year, hit by a car on his way to school. There wasn't funding for our athletic fields either. But that money sure was found to build Maria Carillo HS a year later. Our roads are crumbling, but new roads continue to be installed across town, because our roads are just too bad to bother investing in. Somehow that works for our parks too. When the budgets are high the money goes elsewhere. When the budgets are low, we just have to keep being patient.

I'm sure you have a ton of ways to spend this money, but it's time to start investing in Roseland. I also urge you to go back to the drawing table with the County and CDC to find a way to put the library on the Roseland Village site, which was the community's desire and expectation all along. Everybody is pointing the finger at everyone else, but it's our kids in Roseland who end up suffering. Maybe if you work at that, funding a library in Roseland won't cost as much.

Regardless, using PG&E funds for some equity is a good idea. A stronger healthier community always pays off in the end.

Yours truly,

Magdalena McQuilla

From:	Evette Minor
То:	City Council Public Comments
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Study Session 3.1 - Roseland Library
Date:	Monday, February 8, 2021 4:53:20 PM

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

I have spoken to the Santa Rosa City Council on many occasions in relation to a permanent library in Roseland. The city of Santa Rosa have been through a lot and Roseland is no different with the recent annexation. Every time we move to celebrate in Roseland some type of emergency happens which have dampen the spirits of those that live in Roseland. This would be a great addition to the ever changing pace of the times. The residents, county and city have all used the current site for many events. Putting the money to good use and continuing the process that was started some many years ago would make Roseland feel that they are being heard. I can not stress enough how many people use all the wonderful services that they provide to the public for free and patron-ship has risen through the years.

A permanent library in Roseland has been apart of the top tier goal setting sessions for the last few years and with a one time investment of 10 million dollars will allow some thing to be permanent for generations to come.

So please, I urge you to make an investment in a community that has been on the back burner for years.

Thanks you for your consideration,

Evette Minor Community Member

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