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Mayor Aligns Broad Coalition to Support Expanded Library Hours & Afterschool Program in One San Diego Budget

Faulconer, Gloria & Alvarez Back Expanding Library Hours to Highest Level in 10 Years

San Diego, CA – Leading a collective effort to reestablish the city’s libraries as centers for learning and civic engagement for San Diego children, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer today joined City Council President Todd Gloria, Councilmember David Alvarez, Library Director Deborah Barrow, Superintendent Cindy Marten and Library Foundation Chair Amy Valerias, at the Logan Heights Public Library to tout expanded library hours and a new afterschool library program in his *One San Diego* budget plan.

Mayor Faulconer’s inaugural *One San Diego* budget plan funds an additional 203 hours of library service hours per week citywide. It restores core branch library hours to 48 hours per week for the first time since 2003 and strategically expands library services on weekends. Every branch library in San Diego will add 4 service hours Monday through Saturday. In addition to these hours, 12 select branches will extend hours on Saturday and Sunday. The central library will add 5 hours per week.

The *One San Diego* budget also includes funding for the city’s first comprehensive afterschool program, Mayor Faulconer’s proposed *Do Your Homework @ the Library Program*. The program provides one-on-one assistance to children at targeted K-8 schools in San Diego for school-assigned homework. It adds a learning coordinator in 18 San Diego libraries where curriculum-aligned resources, technology and community partnerships work in tandem to support students. The program also capitalizes on San Diego public library equipment, staff, Wi-Fi access, and digital resources, including the *HelpNow!* online tutoring program.

Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer said, “We all know that libraries have books and computers, but it’s the intangible things that a library does that are important. Libraries provide an environment that fosters civic engagement and education, which is why my budget will increase library hours and start an afterschool program. I’m working to unite City Hall and our education

community so that we can create opportunities for every San Diego child from Linda Vista to Logan Heights.”

Council President Todd Gloria said, “The proposed additional hours and afterschool program will bring more San Diegans, particularly young people, into our libraries and expose them to the resources and fun available in all our neighborhood branches.”

Councilmember David Alvarez said, “I am pleased to see increased funding for library hours in the *One San Diego* budget plan. Our libraries and the services and programs offered through them are critical to so many of my constituents and San Diegans.”

Public Library Director Deborah L. Barrow said, “I am very excited about the Mayor’s proposed budget and what it means for the San Diego Public Library and the people of San Diego. Over the last ten years, the Library saw reductions during troubled budget times. We are happy to see all that change with this budget proposal, which if it is adopted, most hours the San Diego Public Library has had in ten years.”

Superintendent Cindy Marten said, “As a literacy specialist, I know that strong reading skills form the basis for learning in all subjects. Libraries are the centers for building, advancing and nurturing these skills that will impact a person’s learning from early childhood through adulthood. I commend Mayor Faulconer and the other city officials for recognizing the importance of libraries and the impacts they have on the success of our students and communities.”

Library Foundation Chair Amy Valeiras said, “The San Diego Public Library Foundation strongly supports the addition of hours at the Central Library and all branches. We’re deeply grateful to the Mayor and Council for their partnership in building a healthy library system that is seeing a major renaissance. The Library Foundation is more effective in attracting private contributions for the library system when there is clear public-sector support for these essential services.”

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San Diego Library and Afterschool Program Fact Sheet

Proposed Library Operational Hours

Mayor Faulconer's budget proposal adds 203 hours of library service per week city-wide, the most library service hours in 10 years.

Current Library Hours

44 hours per week (27 branches, Mon.-Sat., 5 hours Sat.)	1,188
48 hours per week (8 branches, Mon.-Sun.)	384
49 hours per week (Central, Mon.-Sun.)	49
Total:	1,621 hours per week

Library Hours in FY2015 Proposed Budget

48 hours per week (23 branches, Mon.-Sat., 5.5 hours Sat.)	1,104*
55.5 hours per week (12 branches, Mon.-Sun., 8.5 hours Sat., 4.5 hours Sun)	666**
54 hours per week (Central, Mon.-Sun.)	54
Total:	1,824 hours per week

Library Department Total Service Hours – (Fiscal Year 2004 - Proposed Fiscal Year 2015)

Fiscal Year	Branches			Central		System Total		Library Visits
	Branches	Weekly	Annualized	Weekly	Annualized	Weekly	Annualized	
2004 (7/21/03)	34	1,696	88,192	64	3,328	1,760	91,520	7,242,398
2005 (7/11/04)	34	1,700	88,400	52	2,704	1,752	91,104	7,293,262
2006 (7/18/05)	34	1,459	75,868	52	2,704	1,511	78,572	7,003,016
2007 (no change)	34	1,459	75,868	52	2,704	1,511	78,572	7,167,104
2008 (7/1/07)	35	1,504	78,208	52	2,704	1,556	80,912	7,374,378
2009 (no change)	35	1,504	78,208	52	2,704	1,556	80,912	6,601,210
2010 (3/20/10)	35	1,272	66,144	44	2,288	1,316	68,432	5,605,487
2011 (no change)	35	1,272	66,144	44	2,288	1,316	68,432	5,771,767
2012 (7/20/11)	35	1,276	66,352	44	2,288	1,320	68,640	(see below)
2012 (5/26/12)	35	1,451	75,452	44	2,288	1,495	77,740	5,602,380
2013 (11/3-4/12)	35	1,467	76,284	49	2,548	1,516	78,832	(see below)
2013 (12/3/12)	35	1,572	81,744	49	2,548	1,621	84,292	5,818,741
2014 (no change)	35	1,572	81,744	49	2,548	1,621	84,292	6,000,000 (Estimated)
2015 Proposed Budget	35	1,770	92,040	54	2,808	1,824	94,848	N/A

*No Sunday hours

**Sunday hours

- **8 branches** currently open on Sunday **add 3.5 more hours** (3 hours on Saturday, .5 hour on Sunday) City Heights/Weingart, LaJolla/Riford, Point Loma/Hervey, Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa, Logan Heights, Mira Mesa, Rancho Bernardo, Valencia Park/Malcolm X
 - **4 branches** added to Extended Weekend service and **add 7.5 more hours** (3 hours on Saturday, 4.5 hours on Sunday) - Carmel Valley, Mission Valley, North University Community, and Otay Mesa-Nestor.
- Why these 4 branches?** Carmel Valley (Council District 1) is the highest circulating branch in the system; Mission Valley (Council District 7) has Trolley access/shopping area and is the largest branch in CD7; North University (Council District 1) is the top 5 in circulation, recreation center, ample parking; Otay Mesa-Nestor (Council District 8) meets the community need for computers and is a long distance to other libraries.

Proposed “Do Your Homework @ the Library” Program

- **Overview:** One-on-one assistance to targeted K-8 students from area schools with their school-assigned homework, as well as opportunities for skill development and reinforcement, for 36 weeks per school calendar year (Traditional and Year-Round as appropriate) at 18 libraries.
- **Mission:** A welcoming, accessible, safe and supportive space in each of the 18 libraries where curriculum-aligned resources, technology, community partnerships and volunteer service come together to support child development and academic success; where a student can work independently or with the assistance of the Learning Coordinator and/or the Homework Help Volunteers.
- **Proposed Program:** A Learning Coordinator in each of the 18 libraries, with support from Homework Help Volunteers, will offer students out-of-school-time instruction in accessing and evaluating information to complete their class assignments, supporting Common Core Standards projects as well as planning and implementing age appropriate strategies and activities to assist children with homework assignments and learning in general.
- **Basic schedule:** Total of 14 hours per week (for 36 weeks) at each library site:
 Monday & Thursday 3:30pm-5:30pm
 Tuesday & Wednesday 3:30pm-7:00pm
 Saturday 11:00am-2:00pm
- **Resources:** The program will capitalize on library equipment and staff, Wi-Fi access, and wide array of print and digital resources for students, including the *HelpNow!* online tutoring program.
- **Staffing:** Two Library Area Learning Supervisors (Youth Services Librarians) to oversee program operations, including: recruit, train and monitor performance of staff; provide project support and evaluation; develop and maintain informational and statistical records; and participate in community partnerships and engagement, outreach to area schools and other Library educational and literacy initiatives. Additionally, hourly Learning Coordinators will be working in each of the 18 libraries.

Proposed Libraries* Do Your Homework @ the Library After-School Program	Council District	Proposed Libraries* Do Your Homework @ the Library After-School Program	Council District
North Area		South Area	
College-Rolando Branch	9	Central	3
Kensington-Normal Heights Branch	9	North Park Branch	3
City Heights/Weingart Branch	9	Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch	8
North Clairemont Branch	6	San Ysidro Branch	8
Linda Vista Branch	7	Logan Heights Branch	8
San Carlos Branch	7	Mountain View/Beckwourth Branch	4
Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch	7	Oak Park Branch	4
Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch	2	Skyline Hills Branch	4
Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch	5	Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch	4

***These libraries were chosen because they serve communities with at least one school under the minimum target score of 800 on the Academic Performance Index.**