

# LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION

May 20, 2026

# I. CALL TO ORDER & ORDERS OF THE DAY

## II. PUBLIC COMMENT

(2 MINUTES OF SPEAKING TIME IS AVAILABLE)

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### **III. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
04/15/2026**

## **IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A) YOUTH COMMISSION UPDATE  
(M. KUCHAROWSKI/N. PRADEEPKUMAR)**



**Youth  
Commission**  
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# 2025-2026 Annual Report

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LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION



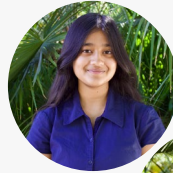
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Citywide, Chair



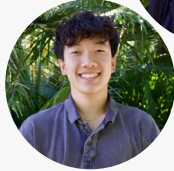
**COMMISSIONER DESHMUKH**

District 1, Communications



**COMMISSIONER PARK**

District 10



**COMMISSIONER PRADEEPKUMAR**

District 2, Vice Chair



**COMMISSIONER YU**

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**COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ**

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**COMMISSIONER CHUNG**

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**COMMISSIONER BABU CHAKRAVARTHI**

District 4



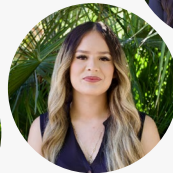
**COMMISSIONER HUYNH**

District 7, Outreach



**COMMISSIONER GUERRERO FERNANDEZ**

District 5



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**COMMISSIONER CANFIELD**

District 6



# OUTREACH PLAN

Promote Youth Commission and Youth Advisory Council (YAC) events, connect with community-based organizations, and develop partnerships to support the Youth Commission work plan and foster and maintain relationships within the City of San José local government.



## Objectives

Increase the number of youths who know about the Youth Commission and participate in YACs.

## Strategies

Promote via social media, develop flyers, and share information with schools and youth organizations.

## Channels

Youth Commission social media, school distribution lists, local libraries, community centers, Councilmember newsletters, participating in and hosting community events.

## Metrics for Success

Engagement across social media, youth participation in District YACs and Youth Commission events, an increase in Youth Priorities Survey responses, and the YAC Participation Survey.

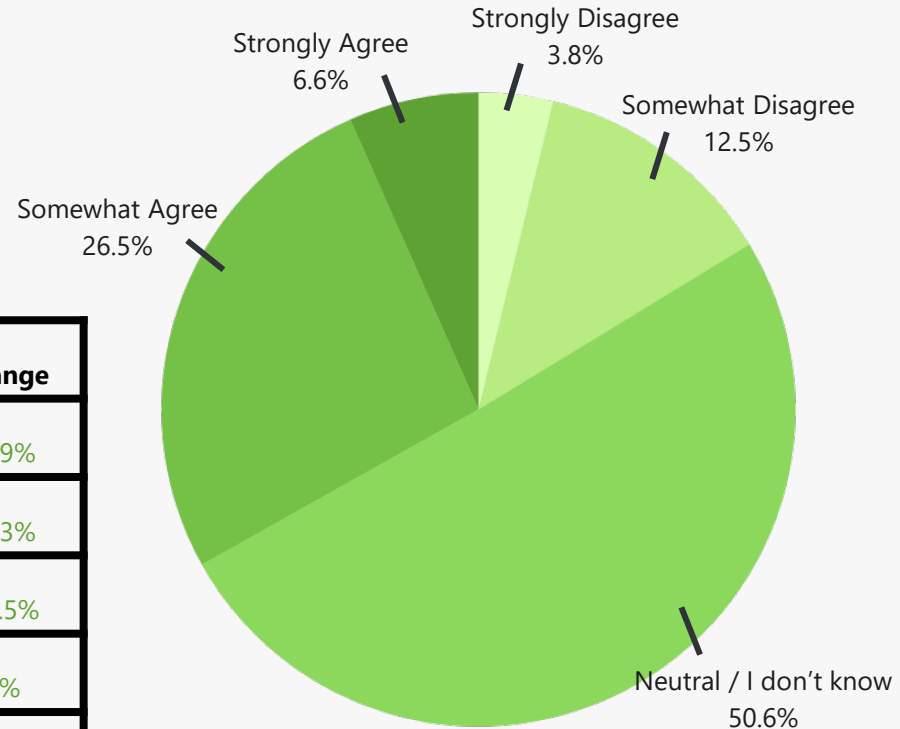
# YOUTH PRIORITIES SURVEY

The Youth Commission creates and distributes an annual survey to youth throughout San José. The survey serves as a tool to gauge youth priorities and sentiments regarding various issues and Commission activities. This year, the survey collected **653** responses.

## Comparison With Previous Years' Responses

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	Change
Strongly Agree	4.9%	7.5%	6.6%	-0.9%
Somewhat Agree	25.1%	29.8%	26.5%	-3.3%
Neutral / I don't know	51.5%	46.1%	50.6%	+4.5%
Somewhat Disagree	12.2%	12.5%	12.5%	0%
Strongly Disagree	6.4%	4.2%	3.8%	-0.4%

Do you agree with the following statement:  
**The local City of San José government reflects youth priorities.**

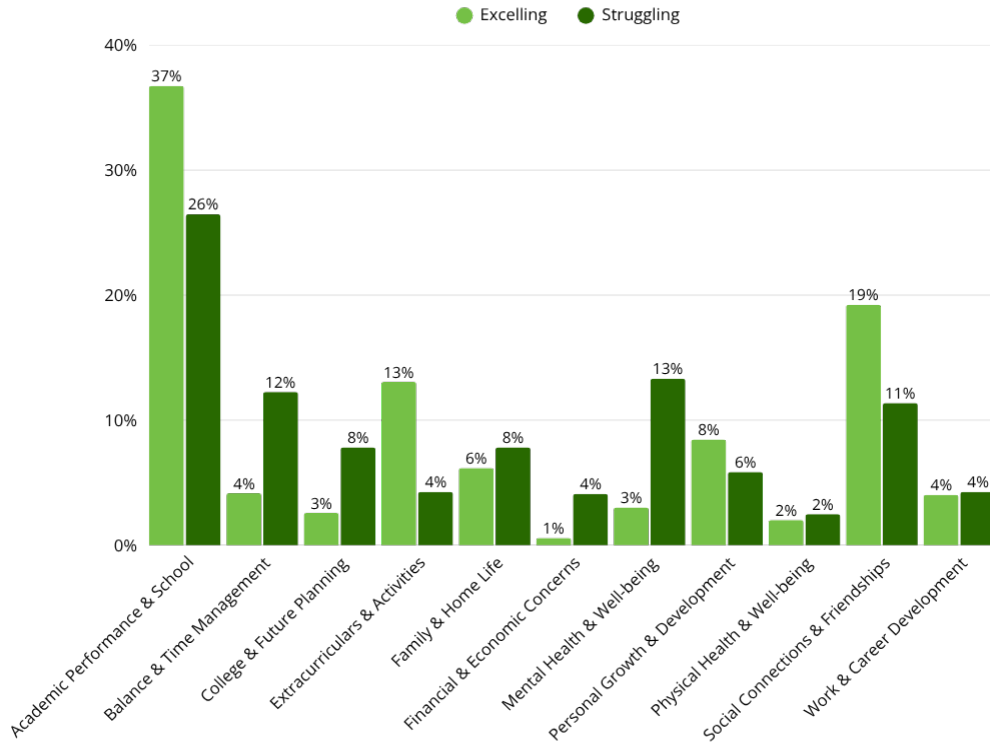


# Importance of Issues on a Scale of 1 (lowest priority) to 5 (highest priority)

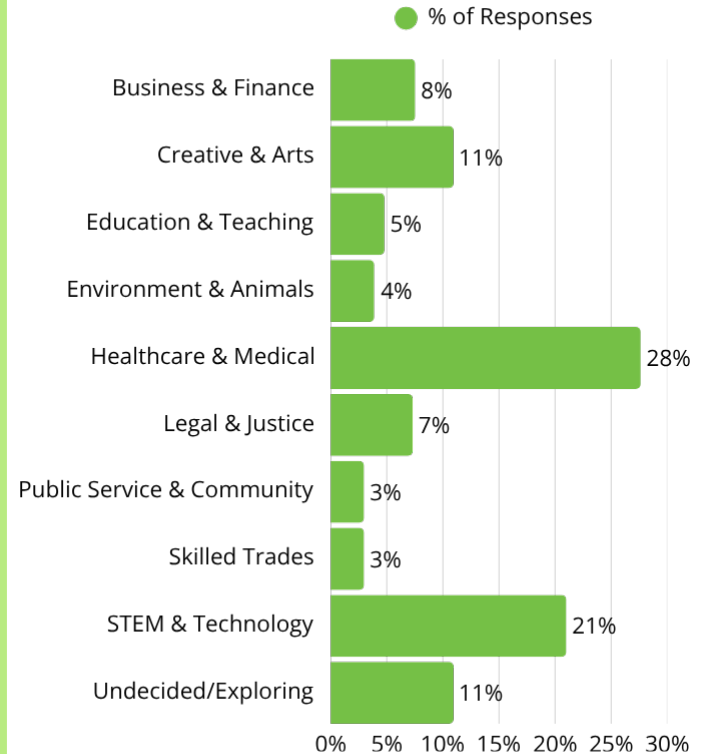
Average Comparisons With Previous Years' Responses



## What are you excelling at or struggling with this year?



## If you have a dream job, what is it and why is it important to you?



# EVALUATE AND ADVISE ON college, career, and literacy opportunities and resources in San José

- Conduct youth participatory action research and a citywide youth survey to gather insight and input from youth on City budget and educational priorities
- Explore and uplift community partnerships with local education agencies



# CELEBRATE San José's diversity and culture through exploring community building and placemaking

- Fostering the youth voice through culture and art through Beautify initiatives, community art, events, and fairs
- Conduct outreach and promote existing local resources and events in partnership with the City of San José and other community-based organizations
- Advocate for immigrant youth and families by promoting support resources



# YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS (YAC)

These councils provide valuable input and insights into policies and programs that directly impact young people.

From July 2025 to March 2026, Youth Commission and Youth Advisory Council members volunteered a combined **740** service hours in dedication to Youth Commission activities and events.



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The average number of hours spent by the 11 Youth Commissioners on activities such as attending general meetings, coordinating YAC meetings, conducting community outreach, and crafting policy recommendations.

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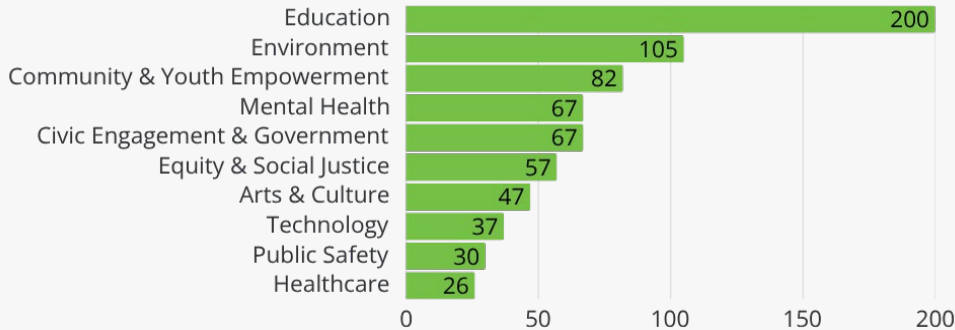
The average number of hours spent by 45 Youth Advisory Council members across San José was devoted to activities such as attending YAC meetings, supporting district events, and conducting policy research.



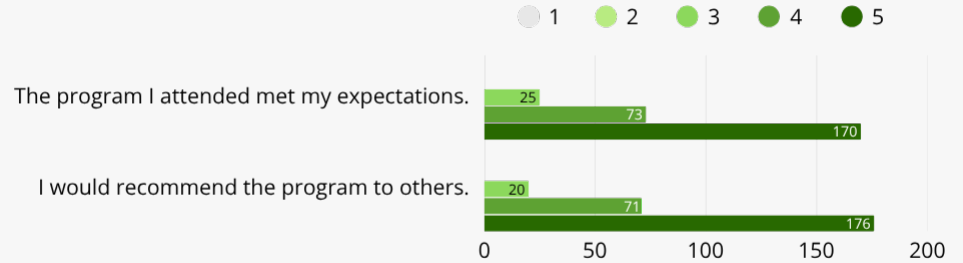
# YAC PARTICIPATION

Building on last year, the Youth Commission uses an online application to encourage participation and boost YAC recruitment efforts citywide. This digital approach has helped streamline the YAC recruitment process and increase accessibility for interested youth, receiving **275** submissions, a **17.2% increase** from last year.

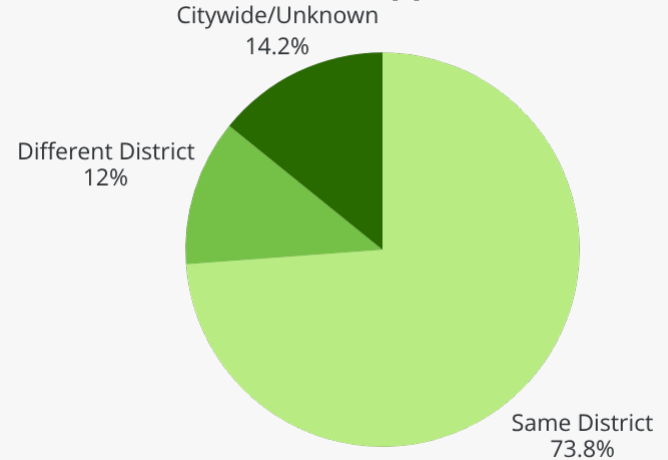
## YAC Applicant Top 10 Interests



## YAC Program Satisfaction from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest)



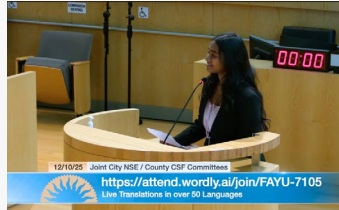
## Is District YAC Preference Different from the District the Applicant Resides



# YOUTH IN ACTION

In addition to the work plan, the Youth Commission has:

- Participated in a joint special meeting with the Library and Education Commission, receiving the Education Strategy Annual Report and Library Facilities and Customer Service Plan,
- Spoke on a panel at the Neighborhoods Conference and hosted multiple youth-focused community events.



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## Joint Commission Meeting

Joined the Library and Education Commission for a Joint Special Meeting on October 27, 2025, to receive the Education Strategy Annual Report, as well as the Margaret Sullivan Studio Facilities and Customer Experience Plan for the Library.

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## Neighborhoods Conference

Joined Councilmember Campos at the Neighborhoods Conference on October 4, 2025, to share their experiences and perspectives on youth civic engagement as part of the "Being Led by Our Young Leaders" panel.

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## Community Events

Organized diverse community events, including the Youth Budget Priorities Summit, park cleanups, flower planting, an eco swap for used clothes, the A.I.M. career conference, and various cultural celebrations and educational workshops.

**WEBSITE**

[www.sjpl.org/YouthCommission](http://www.sjpl.org/YouthCommission)

**EMAIL ADDRESS**

[youthcommission@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:youthcommission@sanjoseca.gov)

**Thank you!**



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## Agenda Item: A

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**B) LIBRARY BOND REVIEW: BIBLIOTECA  
LATINOAMERICANA RENOVATION  
UPDATE (A. RODROCK)**



# Bond and Building Forward Grant Program Update

May 20, 2026

Library and Early Education Commission

# Bond History & Scope

**September 2000**

- Branch Facilities Master Plan

**November 2000**

- Measure O
- \$212M Bond

**April 2016**

- Bond Project Completion

**July 2019**

- \$5.9 M Remaining

**FY 23-28**  
Bond/Grant Program Implementation

**FY 22-23**

- CA Building Forward Infr. Grant

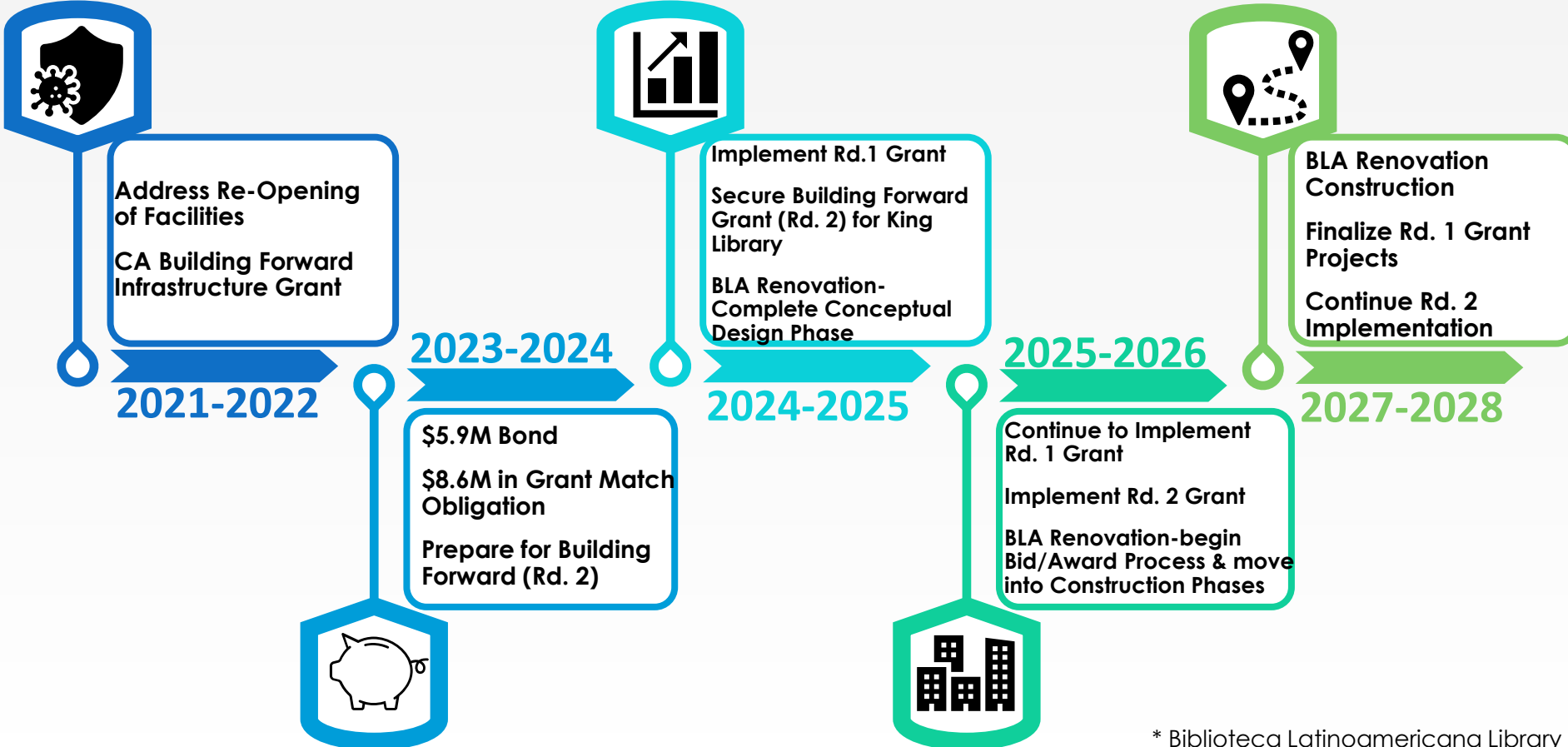
**FY 21-22**

- Develop FY 21-22 Bond Project

**FY 20-21**

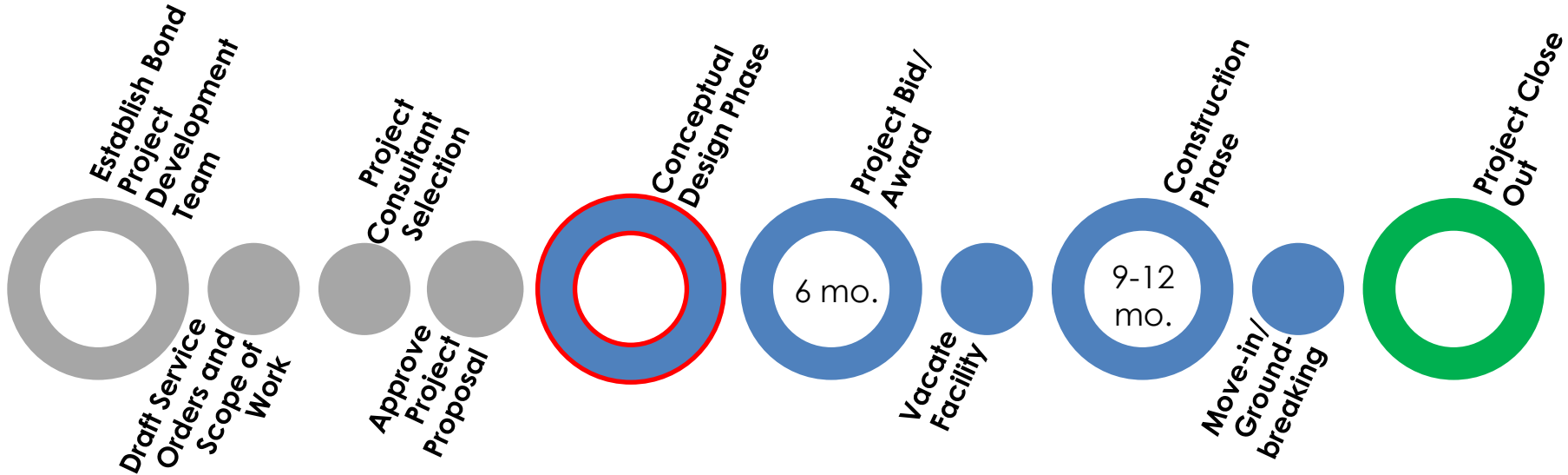
- Program Deferred Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

# Bond Spending Plan



\* Biblioteca Latinoamericana Library

# Proposed Biblioteca Latinoamericana Library Renovation Project 2024-2025

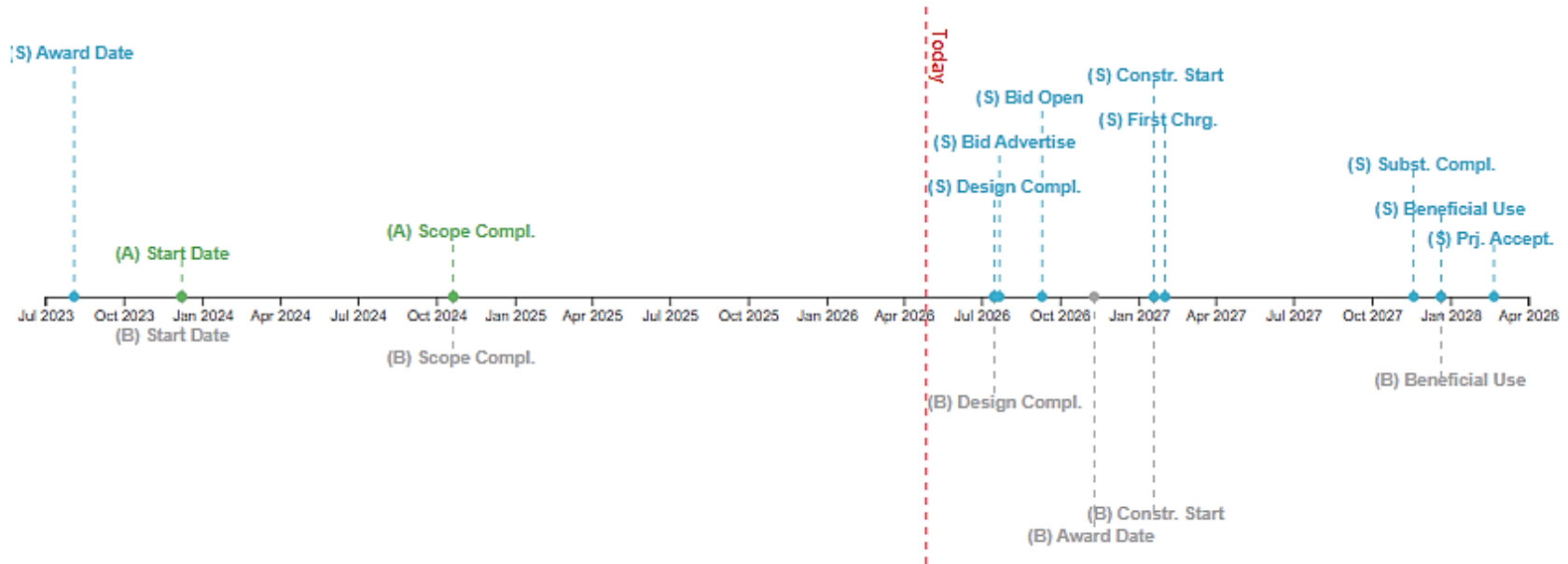


# Biblioteca Latinoamericana Project Timeline

## Project Timeline

(A) = Actual Date (S) = Scheduled Date (B) = Baseline Date


Current Project Phase: Phase III - Design



# Biblioteca Latinoamericana Branch

## Renovation Construction Cost Estimates

April 2026



All Scopes	• \$16.2M
Add Alternate 3: Mezzanine	• \$15.2M
Add Alternate 2: Site Improvements	• \$14.3M
Add Alternate 1: HVAC Duct Replacement	• \$13.3M
Base Scope	• \$13.2M
<b>Total Grant Funds</b>	<b>• \$10.8M</b>

# Biblioteca Latinoamericana Branch Renovation Design Renderings



San Jose Public Library  
Biblioteca Latinoamericana Branch Library Improvements

YOUNG ADULT READING NOOKS 



San Jose Public Library  
Biblioteca Latinoamericana Branch Library Improvements

EXTERIOR

# Biblioteca Latinoamericana Branch Renovation Design Renderings



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FEATURE WALL & CHILDREN'S AREA



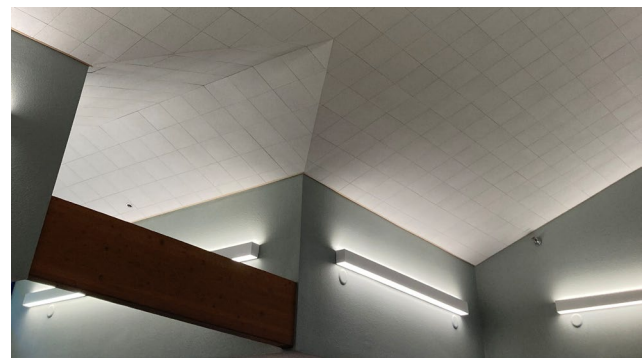
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# CA Building Forward Grant Project Awards

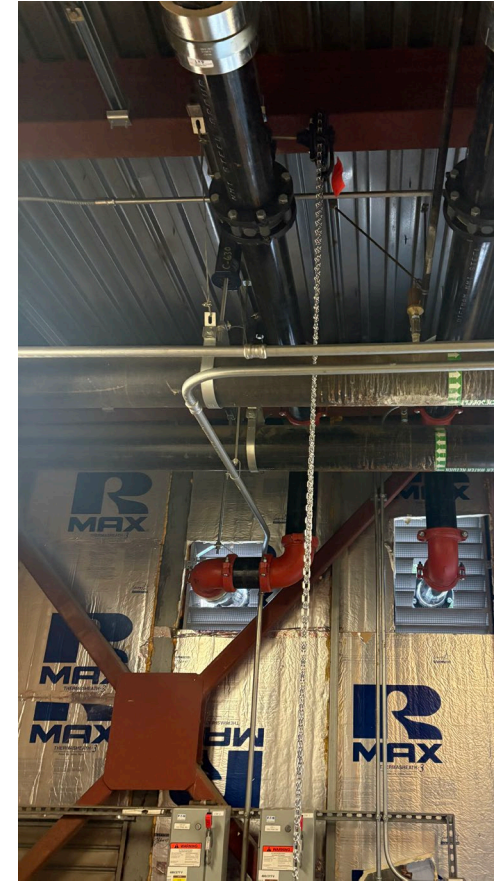
Library Branch	Grant Fund Awarded	Library Match Obligation
Alviso	\$614,374	\$614,374
Bascom	\$652,746	\$652,746
Biblioteca Latinoamericana	\$3,625,045	\$3,625,045
East San Jose Carnegie	\$654,945	\$654,945
Educational Park	\$515,729	\$515,729
Hillview	\$265,021	\$265,021
Joyce Ellington	\$705,664	\$705,664
Seven Trees	\$1,487,606	\$1,487,606
Tully	\$147,757	\$147,757
Total	\$8,668,887	\$8,668,887

**\$5.9M Remaining Bond Funds Can Be Used For:  
Grant Match & Branch Efficiency/Improvement Projects**

# Alviso Branch Improvements



# Seven Trees Branch Air Handling Unit





# Seven Trees Air Handling System & Roof



Joyce Ellington

East Carnegie



# Bascom Branch Improvements



# Educational Park Roof Replacement



Before



Before



After



After



Questions?

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## Agenda Item B

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**C) SUBMISSION OF TOPICS FOR FISCAL  
YEAR 2026-27 WORK PLAN (C. HUNTER)**

## DRAFT LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION 2026-2027 WORK PLAN

July 2026	August 19, 2026 MLK, AI Center	September 16, 2026 Seven Trees	October 21, 2026 City Hall Wing	November 18, 2026 MLK, SJPL Works	December 2026
NO MEETING	Public Services Overview	Youth Commission Update	Education Strategy Annual Report	Annual Measure S: Parcel Tax Oversight Review (Public Hearing)	NO MEETING
	Citywide Reading by 3rd Grade initiative	Library Budget Overview	Citywide Budget Overview: Presented by Claudia Chang	Annual Library Bond Oversight Review (Public Hearing)	
	Technology Services: new ILS Sysytem	Branch Spotlight: Seven Trees Library		Commission Budget Activities Sub-Committee Appointment to Prepare Annual Budget Position Message to Council	
	Program Spotlight: SJ Access			Adult Services Update	
January 20, 2027 MLK, SJPL Works	February 17, 2027 East San Jose Carnegie	March 17, 2027 MLK, SJPL Works	April 21, 2027 Santa Teresa	May 19, 2027 MLK, SJPL Works	June 16, 2027 MLK, Room 225
Youth Commission Update	<b>Adopt Annual Commission Budget Position Message to Council (Sub-Committee)</b>	Volunteer Services Update	SJPLF Update (Exec. Director and Commissioner)	Youth Commission Update	<b>Adoption of Fiscal Year 27-28 Work Plan</b>
Library Budget Review	<b>Equity and Inclusion Services Report</b>	Boradband & Digital Empowerment Status Update	Budget Update	Submission of Topics for Fiscal Year 27-28 Work Plan	<b>Election of Fiscal Year 27-28 Officers</b>
Library Collections	Branch Spotlight: East San Jose Carnegie Library	Library Security Update	Branch Spotlight: Santa Teresa Library	Summer Programming/ Learning Update	Library Bond & Capital Program Review

**Bold: Written Report/Action Item**

**Red: No report/Action Item**

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## V. COUNCIL LIAISON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

## VI. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

**VII. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(J. BOURNE)**

## VIII. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IX. INFORMATION AND  
UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR COMMISSION  
PARTICIPATION**

**X. ITEM FOR FUTURE  
COMMISSION MEETING  
AGENDAS**

## **XI. MEETING SCHEDULE**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY,  
JUNE 11, 2026, AT HILLVIEW LIBRARY**

## XII. ADJOURNMENT