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 Board of Directors  
 County of Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency  
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### Permanent Live Oak Library Site Selection

Dear Members of the Board:

This past year the Redevelopment Agency completed acquisition and rehabilitation of a structure on Portola Drive for an interim library for the Live Oak community. Since the facility opened early this year, even with it's primary focus on youth reading services, it has become very popular with a wide range of users. Redevelopment funds have been set aside for a permanent library facility, tentatively scheduled for construction within the next several years. As Board members may recall, there are two possible sites for such a permanent facility — as an expanded building on the current interim site or on a site owned by the Agency on **Capitola Road**. While both sites have various advantages, there is strong community support for expanding the library in its current location due to its unique site attributes.

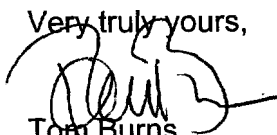
The critical issue regarding the suitability of the Portola Drive site is whether an adequately sized facility can fit within a very constrained site. Since our last report to you on this item, we have had an opportunity to review the site constraints more closely and have determined that the site can comfortably accommodate a facility of approximately 13,000 square feet. A building of this size can be located on the site either as a single story building or with a partial second story. With a careful design, a building of approximately this size can meet the needs for expanded library services for the Live Oak community into the future.

With approval of this site, work will begin next year on architect selection and preliminary design for an expanded library facility. One of the challenges of that process will be to design a building which allows for minimal "down time" for library services during construction. We will provide your Board with periodic status reports on that design effort once it is underway. Additionally, in future years we will be exploring options for use of the **Capitola Road** site for neighborhood serving retail services, as called for in the County's General Plan.

It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that your Board, as the Board of Directors for the Redevelopment Agency, to approve the selection of the existing Portola Drive site as the permanent site for the Live Oak Library.

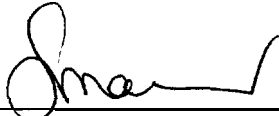
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Very truly yours,



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