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## About the Project

On July 28, a standing-room-only crowd of library supporters joined Mayor Jerry Sanders and City and State officials to break ground on San Diego's New Central Library. The facility will be a new center for literacy and learning in San Diego.

To support the New Central Library, click the button below.



### A new heart for the San Diego Public Library system

Branch libraries are the heart of each community, and the Central Library is the heart of the City's 35-branch library system, providing resources, collections, expertise and reference support. With each passing year, the current facility becomes less able to fulfill this essential role. A healthy New Central Library is essential to a healthy branch system.

Significant private donations coupled with designated funding that can only be used for this project, make building and operating the New Central Library within reach, without using one cent from the City of San Diego's General Fund.

More than \$150 million is already earmarked for this project from the State Library, Centre City Development, the City Schools and private donors. An additional \$10 million has been donated to cover additional operating costs. San Diego should capitalize on this opportunity to build this long-needed new civic asset that will benefit all of San Diego for decades to come.

### A landmark building meeting San Diego's needs

The New Central Library will meet many civic objectives. First and foremost, the library will be a new civic icon that embodies San Diego's commitment to the future. It will serve the community's needs for literacy, information and knowledge in the 21st century.

The building's design reflects the input of hundreds of people who participated in a series of public workshops. Based on this input, the joint venture team of Rob Wellington, Quigley, FAIA and Tucker Sadler Architects implemented the breath-taking design.

The New Central Library is a nine-story building of flexible spaces with diverse and accessible public amenities. Bay view terraces, roof gardens and a public "reading room" reflect and celebrate San Diego's natural beauty and temperate climate. All of the Library's spaces are designed to open, inviting patrons to explore or relax with a new-found book. Special features include a 400-seat flexible special events room on the eighth floor, a state-of-the-art auditorium, and a beautiful reading room under the lattice dome—creating a unique and extraordinary facility.

The design allows the New Central Library to fulfill its crucial role as the heart of the 35-branch system—with space to provide literacy, children's and adult programs, disabled access, technology and web-based services, and answers to reference questions from throughout the region. For more information on the need for the new Central Library, visit [here](#).

### A needed downtown school

An exciting new 76,000-square-foot charter high school is planned for the unused sixth and seventh floors of the Library. The unique and special access students will enjoy to vast research, reference and technology resources will be unparalleled. This high school meets an identified and pressing need downtown. With San Diego and Lincoln High Schools beyond capacity, the San Diego Unified School District has recognized the need for additional high school capacity downtown.

The school will be independent from the Library with its own dedicated ground-level entrance and lobby, its own circulation system, its own elevators and stairwell. The charter high school builds upon the Library's role as a regional learning center and is one of more than 35 schools within two miles of the New Central Library that will benefit from an after-hours homework center with collections, electronic resources, tutoring and a volunteer program to support students' homework and project needs. For more on the planned high school, visit [here](#).

### Greater resources

The Library will offer far greater collections, parking, computers, amenities and public areas than the existing facility. The New Central Library will be a technology center, offering San Diegans equal, free access. It will help close the 'digital divide' with more than 400 workstations, available laptops, spaces for teaching the use of new technology and free WiFi access. The New Central Library will also be a community space where San Diegans can gather to celebrate culture, hear great music, appreciate





The New Central Library will be a civic icon embodying San Diego's commitment to literacy, information and knowledge in the 21st century.



art work and discuss critical issues. Downtown San Diego, the region's fastest growing area, is the logical spot for a civic space of this scope and versatility.

For a floor-by-floor cross-section of the new library, [visit here](#).

**Garden Courtyard celebrates San Diego's climate**

Patrons enter the library from an arcade inspired by Balboa Park into a glass enclosed three-story lobby with access to the circulation desk, popular library and children's library. At the ground level, large folding glass doors open to the southern Garden Courtyard. Across the Garden Courtyard is a 350-seat, sloped floor auditorium. During good weather, the entire facade between the auditorium and Courtyard opens up to increase capacity and share activities. This outdoor room, shaded by large trees, will serve as San Diego's town square—a large adaptable space that can host large brown-bag concerts, author talks and civic events or more intimate gatherings.

**"People's Panthouse"**

The top floors of the New Central Library will serve as a cultural penthouse. A great, airy, three-story crystalline reading room anchors this penthouse and is shaded by the dome latticework overhead. A series of open terraces look down into the reading room and out to the city and bay beyond. A flexible, 400-seat multi-purpose room looks to the west. An art gallery with a vaulted ceiling faces the Park to the north. Completing the complex is a smaller public meeting room. This inviting *Public Penthouse* to the Library not only celebrates the central civic role of the modern library but intrinsically links this primary cultural and educational resource to one of our greatest physical amenities: San Diego Bay.

Unique among civic architecture in the United States, the Library's inside/outside latticework dome protects the public rooms and terraces from both the summer sun and cool bay breezes. Visually, it differentiates the New Central Library from the commercial high-rises and hotels around it. Symbolically, it ties this building of our time to the regional architectural traditions of our past.

Features & Services	Current Central Library	New Central Library
Library space	144,524 square feet, three stories	294,673 square feet, nine stories
Site	30,000 square feet	69,820 square feet
Parking	None	250 on-site spaces (plus 250 across the street)
Collection Size (volumes)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total</li> <li>• Children's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 780,000</li> <li>• 42,749</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,250,598</li> <li>• 71,965</li> </ul>
Public computers	84	407
Special Areas		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's Area</li> <li>• Teen Area</li> <li>• Homework Area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3,200 square feet</li> <li>• 1,240 square feet</li> <li>• None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9,141 square feet</li> <li>• 3,797 square feet</li> <li>• 926 square feet</li> </ul>
Reading Seats	409	1,200
Meeting Spaces		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Auditorium</li> <li>• Meeting Rooms</li> <li>• Study Rooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 180 seats</li> <li>• 2</li> <li>• None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 350 seats</li> <li>• 6</li> <li>• 22</li> </ul>
Special Services		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy Services</li> <li>• Gallery/Exhibit</li> <li>• Event Space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None-at branch</li> <li>• Minimal-hallway</li> <li>• None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4,907 square feet</li> <li>• 3,010 square feet</li> <li>• 3,605 square feet</li> </ul>








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1. Why are libraries as important today as ever?

Libraries are the only place providing free, equal and comprehensive access to information and resources giving all citizens the opportunity and resources to succeed. In the digital age, library resources and programs remain as popular and important as ever. Last fiscal year, circulation at the San Diego Public Library system was at an historic high, with more than 7.7 million items circulated ago (1). Also, libraries are more than just books, providing a community meeting space where San Diegans gather to hear great music, appreciate art work and discuss critical issues. The Library is San Diego's largest provider of free cultural programming with more than 7,000 cultural and educational events yearly.

For more details, [VISIT HERE](#).

2. How does the Central Library support the branch libraries?

The Central Library is the heart of the San Diego Public Library system with each branch relying daily on the resources, collections, expertise and reference support of the Central Library. An investment in the New Central Library is an investment in the health of the entire system. Patrons at branches turn to highly trained staff and specialized librarians at the Central Library for their most advanced reference questions—more than 643,000 questions last fiscal year (1).



The new Central Library was designed with input from more than 1,000 community members at public forums held over a year period.



The current Central Library has no parking. More than 60 percent of the collection must be stored in basement areas off-limits to the general public.



The Central Library is the source of much of the children's programming held at branch libraries



Librarian Rosemary Dicedue presents story time at

Additionally, the Central Library houses more than 500,000 unique titles, each of which can be delivered free-of-charge to any branch. The Central Library distributes more than 424,000 books, reference materials, CDs, DVDs and other materials to branches annually. Every item in the collections at branches—including books, DVDs, CDs and reference materials—is centrally selected, catalogued and processed through the Central Library. Central staff works with professional staff at branches to ensure the branch's collection is unique to the needs of the community. The Central Library also is home to some of the region's most valuable archival resources and important specialized collections that are an asset to the entire region.

For more details, [VISIT HERE](#).

current Central Library. The new facility will feature a much larger Children's Room, allowing classes to visit for story time and class projects.



### 3. Do we need a New Central Library?

The current Central Library was built 57 years ago to serve a population of only 466,000 people. In Fiscal Year 1955, the attendance for the entire library system was 15,003 (18). Today, the City's population is 1.25 million people. Additionally, 574,000 people use the Central Library alone and the facility supports 35 branch libraries, more than three times the number than at its opening. The facility is beyond its capacity with 60 percent of the collections in basement storage areas (10), off limits to the public. The building suffers from a decaying infrastructure, outdated plumbing, inefficient electrical systems, as well as obsolete heating and air systems that are costly to maintain. The California State Library reviewed the conditions and reported:

*"This asbestos-laden structure is inefficient with limited capability for reconfiguring space for virtually any purpose" (14)*

For more details, [VISIT HERE](#).

### 4. What is the vision for the new facility?

The New Central Library will help San Diego achieve many of its most pressing civic objectives. The new facility allows the San Diego Public Library to adequately serve the branches and the community's needs for literacy, information and knowledge in the 21st century. Additionally, the building will be a new landmark—a civic icon that embodies San Diego's commitment to the future. The New Central Library will:

- Provide improved access to information and resources. The new library will feature a collection of more than 1.2 million volumes, or 60 percent more than the current facility.
- Support student achievement region wide. The highly visible children and teen areas and homework center will be exciting new resources for San Diego's young people
- Provide a venue for community meetings and gatherings.
- Provide top-quality cultural and educational programming.
- Allow equal access to key technologies.
- Support persons with special needs.

For more details, [VISIT HERE](#).

### 5. What is the history of this project?

The need for a New Central Library was evident as far back as the City's adopted General Plan in 1971, and the need was confirmed in the 1977 Master Plan for the San Diego Public Library (11). Citizen committees have studied possible sites for the new main library through 45 independent studies done over a 35-year period. Beginning in 1999, six potential downtown sites were analyzed through public hearings and workshops (12). An extensive series of workshops were held with thousands of citizens. In 2001, the City Council reviewed the analysis on each of the sites along with associated costs, and unanimously reaffirmed that the City-owned, approximately 68,000 square foot site at Park Blvd and J Street was the best location.

### 6. Why is a charter high school being located at the New Central Library?

San Diego's new Central Library will be a center of literacy and learning, providing information and knowledge for the entire San Diego region. Central to this mission is an on-site charter school, called Downtown Charter High, to serve 400+ high school students.

There is a recognized need for additional high school capacity downtown with San Diego and Lincoln High Schools beyond capacity. High school students residing in the urban core of downtown San Diego and its surrounding neighborhoods are underserved by the existing options for their 9th -12th grade learning experience. Over 50% of the students residing in the downtown attendance area commute to other areas of San Diego for their high school experience.

Downtown Charter High will serve 400+ high school students and with its access to vast educational resources and downtown's business and social community, this school will serve as a national model in college and career readiness. Read more about Downtown Charter High [HERE](#).

Additionally, the school builds upon already planned features to serve the 35 schools within two miles of the New Central Library, including an after school hours homework center. The proposed school is in keeping with existing partnerships among the schools and Library, such as the joint-use school-library project at the newly opened Logan Heights Branch Library located on the site of the Logan Heights Elementary School.

### 7. Why build this project now?

This project is moving forward at a crucial time for the local economy and will have a significant impact on employment, wages and tax receipts. The New Central Library construction project is conservatively projected to generate 1,055 construction-related jobs.

Additionally, by moving forward now, San Diego is acting fiscally responsible by capitalizing on \$77.5 million in committed funds — \$20 million in a State Library Grant money, \$20 million from the San Diego Unified School District and \$40.8 million in private donations (\$30.8 million for construction and \$10 million for operating).

### 8. How much will it cost to build this facility?

The project has a guaranteed maximum price of \$184.9 million. This price includes construction costs and other project costs, such as architectural and engineering fees, furniture, fixtures and equipment. This construction project is a construction manager at risk project. Turner Construction will be the construction manager at risk and will be responsible for any costs that exceed the guaranteed maximum price.

#### 9. How will the project be funded?

Currently, \$152.37 million has been raised for construction of this project with an additional \$10 million set aside for the first five years of operations. Centre City Development Corporation has allocated \$80 million for construction. These funds are earmarked for downtown development and cannot be reassigned for uses beyond downtown. The California State Library has awarded San Diego a \$20 million grant for the New Central Library. Once again, these funds are designated for this project and are not available for other uses. The San Diego Unified School District has approved \$20 million for a 10-year lease on unused space on the sixth and seventh floors of the building for a charter high school. Finally, private donors have stepped forward to donate \$40.8 million—\$30.8 million of which is for construction. This is the highest level of private support ever for a public library capital project anywhere outside of New York City. To bring total commitments up to \$184.9 million, the San Diego Public Library Foundation has committed to raising an additional \$32.53 million by the end of construction.

#### 10. What is the timeline for building the New Central Library?

The current project timeline calls for:

- City Council approved release of the project to bid (November 2009).
- Guaranteed maximum price delivered to the City (April 2010).
- City Council approved construction on June 28, 2010.
- Construction began in August 2010.
- Library grand opening in July 2013.

#### 11. How much will it cost to operate this facility?

The New Central Library will cost \$2.7 million more annually to operate than the current facility (13). Cost increases are the result of non-personnel expenses associated with a larger facility. The Library anticipates that the New Central Library will operate with the same number of staff as originally proposed for the Library in 2005 – 82 full-time employees (13) by training staff to work across different library sections.

Additionally, the new library is designed to more efficiently allocate staff throughout the building with fewer service points – 11 compared with 13 in the current facility. These additional operational costs will be covered for the first five years of operation through private donations and increased revenue opportunities. Private contributions of \$10 million toward operations will cover \$2 million of the \$2.7 million increase for those first five years and of operation. Also, the facility will conservatively realize \$825,000 in additional annual revenue from parking, café, space rentals and store sales.

#### 12. What has already been spent on the project and where did those funds come from?

Thus far, the City has spent just over \$17 million on this project, including \$2.4 million spent on work done on a previously considered site that was deemed inadequate. This \$17 million has been paid through the \$80 million commitment from Centre City Development to the project (15).

#### 13. Does the location make sense and is it functional?

Following extensive study and public input, the site in East Village at Park Blvd. and 11th Ave. near Petco Park was selected as the ideal site for the New Central Library because it is:

- Convenient to public transit and freeways.
- Connects with San Diego's fastest growing communities and cultures.
- In the heart of commerce and business for the San Diego region.
- Centrally located in the redevelopment area.
- Located along the new Park-to-Bay promenade.
- On City-owned land, making it the most financially favorable location.
- The choice following extensive community input.
- A family-friendly destination.
- Sufficiently large to permit design of a fully-functional library and provide on-site parking.

#### 14. Who will the Central Library serve?

The Central Library will support the 35 San Diego Public Library branches and serve all the residents of San Diego—particularly students, downtown residents, workers and visitors to San Diego. The Central Library is the heart of the San Diego Public Library system and a new facility will adequately support the entire 35-branch San Diego Public Library system (READ MORE).

Additionally, the New Central Library provides crucial resources to more than 35 schools within two miles, including Brooklyn, Sherman and Washington Elementary, Roosevelt Junior High and Garfield, Monarch, San Diego and the new charter high school. San Diego City College is only a mile away. Additionally, this facility serves as the branch for the one of the county's fastest growing populations—downtown residents (17). Between 2000 and 2030, the number of downtown residents and workers is projected to more than double with more than 254,000 people living and working downtown in 2030 (18). Additionally, the Central Library serves as the headquarters for the Serra Cooperative Library Systems—a network of 14 public library systems in San Diego and Imperial counties.

#### 15. Will the New Central Library be energy efficient?

The New Central Library will demonstrate the City of San Diego's commitment to energy efficient design. The building incorporates the latest in technological advances, such as the use of photovoltaic cells, which allow the City to achieve a LEED Silver status for this project. This will make the building one of the most efficient public buildings in California. The photovoltaic system proposed for the New Central Library helps convert solar energy into useable electricity. Additional advances, such as a computerized SMART energy meters that will turn off the lights when there is sufficient natural light and long-life fluorescent bulbs that last for 35,000 hours, contribute to the efficiency of this green building.

#### 16. How can I help support the San Diego Public Library and this project?

The mission of the San Diego Public Library Foundation is to create, steward, and support an excellent free public library system by generating private sector support to supplement funding by the government. The Foundation secures private support for the entire San Diego Public Library system, including efforts to build its New Central Library. Individuals interested in providing financial support for neighborhood branches, specific Library programs or the New Central Library project can make a contribution online or may contact Executive Director Jay Hill by email or at 619-236-5861. For more information on funding opportunities for the New Central Library, [VISIT HERE](#).

Project supporters can also become a member of the Friends Library Advocacy group. These advocates receive regular e-mail communications about Library issues and deliver the library's message to elected officials, media, neighbors and community leaders. To join this network, [enter your e-mail here](#).

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# A VISION FOR SAN DIEGO'S NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY

## Realizing a Civic Dream ... "Great Cities Are Defined by Great City Centers"

San Diego is one of the youngest metropolitan areas in America, and it is aching to grow up. Civic leaders agonize that despite San Diego's size and rich history, and maturing economy and communities, it has yet to evolve into a "grown-up place" – that is, a region of equal stature to the great cities of the world. They often cite the lack of a great civic space – a place that symbolizes the region's identity – as the critical missing link.

For decades, leaders and citizens have sought ways to create a civic space that would serve as the destination for regional pride, embodying who we are and what we aspire to be. Regional leaders have yearned to create an icon that opens minds, democratizes and unifies San Diego's diverse neighborhoods, enlightens both children and adults, and creates a common ground from which everyone can agree on what it means to be a San Diegan.

The opportunity exists today to create a great civic space and define a great region in a way that has never before unified so many groups under one hope and one location. Never before has there been an opportunity to gather as many civic amenities and San Diegans under one roof. *That opportunity is San Diego's new Central Library.*

## The New Central Library Will Be San Diego's Premiere Civic Space

More than 100 years after Alonzo Horton purchased the land now known as downtown San Diego to build a vibrant waterfront center, that vision is now being honored. More than \$3 billion of public and private funds



have been invested and leveraged to develop downtown into a world-class urban center. And San Diego's new Central Library, to be built in the East Village neighborhood and just a stone's throw from the waterfront, will be the heart of downtown.

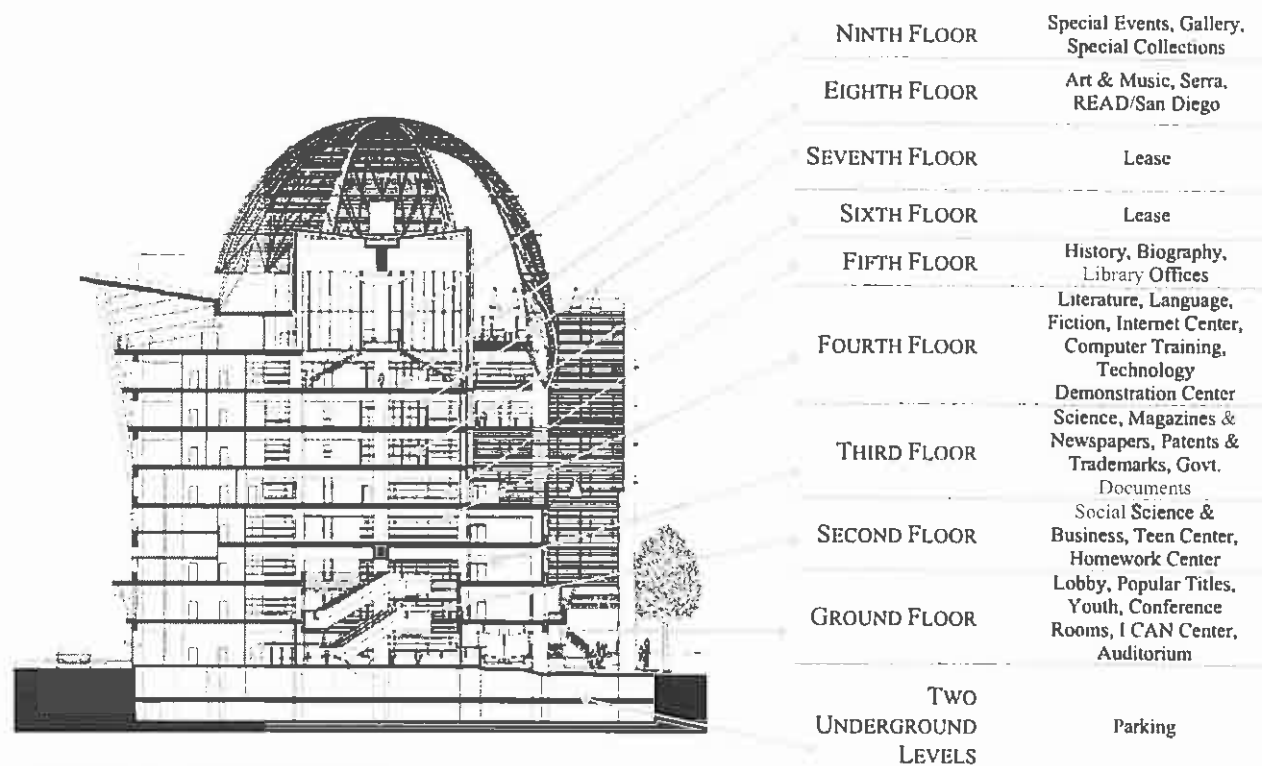
Located at the intersection where residential, commerce, culture, transportation, education, tourism, entertainment and San Diego's famed waterfront meet, the new Central Library will be the center of civic activity. The new Central Library will be bounded by two important downtown San Diego thoroughfares. The Park-to-Bay Link connects San Diego's majestic waterfront to the rich cultural activity of

Balboa Park, which contains more than 85 cultural and recreational organizations, including 16 museums. J Street is the city's fastest-growing residential and commercial corridor, and home to San Diego's new Major

League Baseball park. Imagine 40,000 children at Kid's Day at the ballpark, spilling out of the game and walking across the street to the new Central Library ...

Designed by world-renowned architect Rob Wellington Quigley, San Diego's new Central Library will be a public space unlike any other in San Diego. The new Central Library will be an architectural landmark recognized the world over, inviting residents and visitors from all over to enjoy the millions of volumes and activities inside. Following LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards, the new

Central Library will be developed as a civic role model of sustainability and energy conservation, honoring the environment for the benefit of future of generations. The new Central Library may be the largest LEED



silver-rated building in California.

### The New Central Library Will Be a Cornerstone of San Diego’s Educational System

The new Central Library will be a cornerstone of San Diego’s education system, providing a toddler’s very first literary experience, empowering the adult learner, supporting the professional’s pursuit of lifelong enrichment, and engaging the hobbyist and enthusiast.

The new Central Library will open the minds of children, offering resources beyond those available to them at school. A newly formed partnership with San Diego Unified School District is evidence of the need for the new Central Library’s vast resources by the second largest school district in the state.

The new Central Library will build an educated workforce. San Diegans want their children to raise their families here, work here, and buy homes here. There is new commitment to growing intellectual capital from within San Diego’s own population, and the new Central Library will be an educational resource driving this initiative.

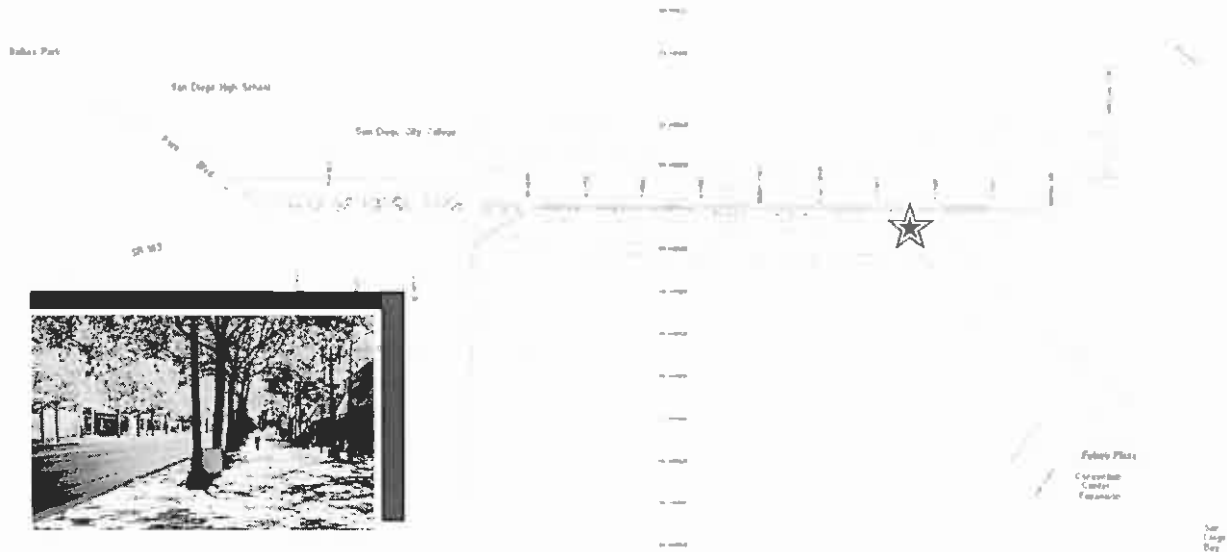
### The New Central Library Will Narrow the Digital Divide

By providing unprecedented state-of-the-art technology, support and access, the new Central Library will narrow the digital divide by opening the doors of technology to the underrepresented households that do not own computers. San Diego is already recognized as high tech place – for business, that is. The library will embrace San Diego’s high tech identity and level the playing field so that the region is known as a high tech place for *everyone*.



## The New Central Library Will Connect Communities and Cultures

Forty percent of all new residential units in the city are being built in downtown, creating an exciting and diverse community for young professionals, service industry workers, empty nesters and families. Yet downtown's eight distinctive neighborhoods – Little Italy, Marina, Cortez, Columbia, Core, Gaslamp Quarter, Horton and East Village – today exist in isolation. Simply, there is no place for these neighbors to gather and



meet one another.

The new Central Library will be a place for neighbors to talk to each other, where a minimum of 50,000 downtown residents will gather by the time the new Central Library opens.

The neighborhoods surrounding downtown are even more disconnected, divided from the center city by the Interstate 5 freeway. The new Central Library will break down the barriers that disconnect the Barrio Logan, Golden Hill and Uptown – the most socio-economically and culturally diverse neighborhoods in the region – luring those residents to a place that welcomes everyone.

San Diego is blessed with a bounty of cultural diversity. The new Central Library will be one of the most international libraries in the United States, serving as a catalyst to gather all of San Diego's ethnicities and cultures under one roof and in a neutral territory. The new Central Library will welcome the thousands of immigrants who swear their allegiance to the United States every year and make San Diego their home because of its cultural richness. With the U.S.-Mexico border just 20 minutes away, thousands will cross the border to use the new Central Library.

The new Central Library will expand annual cultural celebrations that occur around the region – Cesar Chavez Day, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, Fleet Week military events, and Chinese New Year, just to name a few. New celebrations embracing food and culture will be created around the New Central Library.

## The New Central Library will Anchor and Catalyze Development of San Diego's Newest and Most Vibrant Residential Neighborhood

The new Central Library will be the anchor of residential development in downtown's East Village. Most of the re-Centralizing population growth of the city will occur in this long-neglected, blighted neighborhood that is the focus of the next wave of downtown redevelopment. Community activists and planners envision East

Village as the ultimate urban neighborhood filled with the laughter of thousands of children, and what better amenity to attract new residential development and families than a new Central Library.

### **The New Central Library Will Be an Engine for Economic Development**

The new Central Library will catalyze economic growth. Downtown San Diego is the center of commerce for the San Diego region. More than 75,000 employers and employees do business in downtown, including several Fortune 500 companies and every branch of government. In a knowledge-intensive economy, these companies and their employees require 21<sup>st</sup> century tools to help them excel in their fields and industries, yet the existing Central library falls woefully short of meeting this need.

With its computer portals to business databases and the largest collection of patent and trade information, the new Central Library will be a place where entrepreneurs can research their ideas, workers can enhance their skills, and small business people can access information to build their enterprises and dreams.

### **The New Central Library Will Be Accessible to All**

The new Central Library will be the most accessible public space in the region. Downtown San Diego is the hub of the region's transportation system and enjoys premium transit service. All of San Diego's major freeways and modes of transit converge in downtown, leading all 2.5 million residents in the region to the new Central Library.

The new Central Library will be fully accessible to people with disabilities. Designed to meet, and in many cases exceed, ADA standards, the facility will be easy to use and physically inviting to all those who wish to use it.



### **The New Central Library Will Be an Artistic Eden**

The new Central Library will be the centerpiece of the critical mass of artistic assets in downtown San Diego. Surrounded by award-winning theaters, galleries, museums, public art and architecture that enlighten and inspire, the new Central Library will be downtown's artistic and cultural icon.

The new Central Library will deliver a public art program that uplifts and expands the imagination. Governmental entities, including the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, San Diego Unified Port District and Centre City Development Corporation, have already implemented a robust public arts program in downtown, and they have made a commitment to public art at the new Central Library.



The new Central Library will be physically connected to Balboa Park and its many cultural institutions through the Park-to-Bay Link, creating a cultural space that spans the city. The new Central Library will be located at the base of the Park-to-Bay Link, a historic land-use plan first envisioned in 1909, that will connect the nation's second-largest mass of cultural resources to the waterfront.

### **The New Central Library Will Be ...Wonderful.**

*Welcome to San Diego's New Central Library!*