

## Board of Library Trustees Special Meeting Agenda – Saturday, November 17, 2018 4:00 PM

West Branch 1125 University Avenue, Community Meeting Room

### I. Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment

### II. Action Calendar

1. Opening of Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch on Sunday, November 18, 2018 as Shelter from Very Unhealthy Air Quality

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Elliot Warren, Acting Director of Library Services  
Serving as Secretary to the Board of Library Trustees

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**ACTION CALENDAR**  
November 17, 2018

**TO:** Board of Library Trustees  
**FROM:** Elliot Warren, Acting Director of Library Services  
**SUBJECT:** Opening of Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch on Sunday, November 18 as a Shelter from Very Unhealthy Air

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the resolution to open Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch from 1 PM to 5 PM on Sunday, November 18

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Staff wages estimated from \$500 to \$1,000, depending upon classifications and the possible need for overtime

**BACKGROUND**

Due to poor air quality reaching very unhealthy levels as a result of the recent Camp Fire in Paradise, CA, the City Manager is requesting City resources be used to help vulnerable populations and has asked if the Library could be open additional hours over the weekend. Data from the last week shows that air quality worsens during the afternoon. The Central Library is open from 1 to 5 PM. A second site open will enable community members greater access to filtered air.

**CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS**

Agencies in the Bay Area have been recommending vulnerable and unhoused populations seek daytime shelter when possible when air quality index reaches unhealthy levels. Few free and publicly accessible facilities exist in the City, especially on Sundays. Opening the Library would provide a place of respite from the unhealthy air for such people. The Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch is accessible by public transit.

# **BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**RESOLUTION NO:**

## **ADOPTION OF REVISED LIBRARY BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES AND PATRON SUSPENSION POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Library is accessible for all community members; and

WHEREAS, the Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch uses a HEPA filtration system that can provide a safe environment for people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Library has the ability to offer overtime for staff to be present to open and run all aspects of the Library; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees by vote may alter the Library's schedules when so necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley to approve opening the Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch from 1 to 5 PM on Sunday, November 18.

ADOPTED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley at a Special Meeting held on November 18, 2018:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

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Diane Davenport, President

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