



June 7, 2024

Mayor Victor Gordo and Members of the City Council
City of Pasadena
100 N. Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, California 91101

RE: Support for Central Library Project (Agenda Item 23)

Dear Mayor Gordo and Council Members:

I am writing to express Pasadena Heritage's strong support for the Central Library Earthquake Retrofit and Building Repairs Project and the proposed General Obligation Bond Measure.

Pasadena Heritage has been involved and supportive of the Central Library and the entire library system for more than four decades. Pasadena Heritage nominated the Library to the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Civic Center Historic District soon after our founding 46 years ago. Currently, Pasadena Heritage is very pleased to hold a seat on the Mayor's Central Library Technical Advisory Committee where we have been active participants throughout the process. Recently, Pasadena Heritage hosted a community information session for our members and the public during which the Public Works Department and the Gruen team presented the project, answered questions and welcomed comments. The project was very well received and much support was expressed for this effort to upgrade and improve the historic Central Library as proposed.

Pasadena Heritage believes that the Central Library project has been very thoroughly considered, and we appreciate that serious effort and care have been taken throughout the process to protect and restore the historic fabric and features of the National Register building. We support the approach for adding necessary seismic strengthening, improving building systems, and the planning for both current needs and future uses.

We urge the Council to approve the Recommended Scope design option and to move forward with a general obligation bond measure in order to fund the Central Library project.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely yours,

Susan N. Mossman
for Pasadena Heritage