

RE: Weingart Project- Request for Library Services Information

1. Which libraries would serve the proposed project? Please provide:
 - The following libraries fall within a two-mile radius of the project area:
 - Central Library
 - Chinatown Branch
 - Echo Park Branch
 - Little Tokyo Branch
 - Benjamin Franklin Branch

Central Library

a. Name and address

Central Library
630 W. 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

b. Size (square feet)

538,000 square feet

c. Number of volumes and circulation

2.6 million volumes /circulation – 1.2 million

d. Staffing levels

390 Full Time employees

e. Current service population and future service population

3,792,662 per Census 2010 est. City of Los Angeles
9,818,605 per Census 2010 est. County of Los Angeles

LAPL does not make future service population projections.

f. Whether there are planned improvements to add capacity through expansion

There are no planned improvements to add capacity through expansion.

- **What are the current desired standards of service (i.e. facility size, number of volumes, etc.) for the service population?**

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with more than 45,000 population and up to 20,000 s.f. for a Regional branch. It also recommends that when a community reaches a population of 90,000, an additional branch library should be considered for the area.

The Central Library attracts over 2 million visitors every year who check out over 1.2 million of its books and other items. In addition, Library staff answer over 2 million reference questions and present 2,100 programs that attract nearly 46,000 people each year. Furthermore, nearly 600,000 hours of computer access are provided to Central Library users annually. Therefore, any increase in the residential/business/commercial population that is in close proximity to the Central Library has a direct impact on library services with increased demands for library staffing, materials, computers and information services. Therefore, mitigation measures are necessary in order to lessen the impact to these services. These numbers place a stress on library services with increased demands for library staffing, materials, computers and information services.

The Los Angeles Public Library recommends a mitigation fee of \$200 per capita based upon the projected population of the development. The funds will be used for staff, books, computers and other library materials. It is recommended that mitigation fees be paid for by the developer.

- **Are there plans to build any new libraries that would serve the project area?**

There are no plans for the development of any other new libraries to serve this community.

Chinatown Branch

a. Name and address

Chinatown Branch
639 N. Hill Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

b. Size (square feet)

14,500 square feet

c. Number of volumes and circulation

74,709 volumes /annual circulation – 193,627

d. Staffing levels

13.5 Full Time employees

e. Current service population and future service population

11,225 estimated from LA Times Mapping L.A. database and branch library community boundaries.

LAPL does not make future population projections.

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As it currently stands, the Chinatown branch meets the standard of 12,500 square feet for a service population of less than 45,000. However, this location is heavily utilized by the adjacent elementary school and has an extremely high circulation. Any increase in the residential/project population that is in close proximity to this branch has a direct impact on library services with increased demands for library staffing, materials, computers and information services. Therefore, mitigation measures may be necessary in order to lessen the impact to these services to a level that is appropriate for a given service population in accordance to the February 8, 2007 Board of Library Commissioners approved Branch Facilities Plan.

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Echo Park Branch

a. Name and address

Echo Park Branch
1410 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026

b. Size (square feet)

17,543 square feet

c. Number of volumes and circulation

43,689 volumes /annual circulation – 93,418

d. Staffing levels

9.5 Full Time employees

e. Current service population and future service population

52,842 estimated from LA Times Mapping L.A. database and branch library community boundaries.

LAPL does not make future population projections.

f. Whether there are planned improvements to add capacity through expansion

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Little Tokyo Branch

a. Name and address

Little Tokyo Branch

203 S. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

b. Size (square feet)

12,500 square feet

c. Number of volumes and circulation

66,634 volumes /annual circulation – 142,247

d. Staffing levels

10 Full Time employees

e. Current service population and future service population

45,796 estimated from LA Times Mapping L.A. database and branch library community boundaries.

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As it currently stands, the Little Tokyo Branch does not meet the standard of 14,500 square feet for a service population of over 45,000. Any increase in the residential/project population that is in close proximity to this branch has a direct impact on library services with increased demands for library staffing, materials, computers and information services. Therefore, mitigation measures may be necessary in order to lessen the impact to these services to a level that is appropriate for a given service population in accordance to the February 8, 2007 Board of Library Commissioners approved Branch Facilities Plan.

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Benjamin Franklin Branch

- a. **Name and address**

Benjamin Franklin Branch
2200 E. 1st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90033

- b. **Size (square feet)**

9,656 square feet

- c. **Number of volumes and circulation**

35,545 volumes /annual circulation -98,218

- d. **Staffing levels**

11 Full Time employees

- e. **Current service population and future service population**

40,319 estimated from LA Times Mapping L.A. database and branch library community boundaries.

LAPL does not make future population projections.

- f. **Whether there are planned improvements to add capacity through expansion**

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As it currently stands, the Benjamin Franklin Branch does not meet the standard of 12,500 square feet for a service population of less than 45,000 and is in need of a physical expansion. Any increase in the residential/project population that is in close proximity to this branch would exacerbate the need for physical expansion and has a direct impact on library services with increased demands for library staffing, materials, computers and information services. Therefore, mitigation measures may be necessary in order to lessen the impact to these services to a level that is appropriate for a given service population in accordance to the February 8, 2007 Board of Library Commissioners approved Branch Facilities Plan.

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