

## LA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 23, 2019

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Duarte City Hall  
Conference Room  
1600 Huntington Dr.  
Duarte, CA 91010

*Members of the Library Commission have requested this meeting be accessible via phone conference. The following satellite locations will be available:*

*Culver City Hall  
Cathedral Conference Room/Administration,  
3rd Floor  
9770 Culver Blvd.  
Culver City, CA 90232*

*Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Conference Room 830, 8th Floor  
500 W. Temple St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012*

*Library Headquarters  
Executive Conference Room, 2nd Floor  
7400 E. Imperial Hwy.  
Downey, CA 90242*

*San Fernando Library  
217 N. Maclay Ave.  
San Fernando, CA 91340*

*Stevenson Ranch Library  
25950 The Old Rd.  
Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381*

## AGENDA

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call

1. Minutes
  - Approval of May 2019 meeting minutes
2. Presentation of 2019 Annual Report for Approval
3. Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
4. Adjournment

### *Upcoming Meetings:*

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Artesia Library  
18801 Elaine Ave.  
Artesia, CA 90701*

*Wednesday, November 20, 2019  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Topanga Library  
122 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd.  
Topanga, CA 90290*



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**Satellite locations:** Culver City Hall, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Library Headquarters, San Fernando Library, Stevenson Ranch Library

**Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Corey Calaycay at 3:04pm. He thanked everyone for making time to attend the special meeting and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

It was determined that a quorum had been met.

**Commissioners in Attendance** – (12) Angelita Medina, Antonio Lopez, Chin Ho Liao, Corey Calaycay, Jim Allen, Joy Williams, Linda Charney, Lisa Cleri Reale, Liz Reilly, Nancy Kuechle, Nancy Lyons, Vy Nguyen

**Commissioners Absent** – (2) José Luis Solache, Revé Gipson

**Library Staff in Attendance** – (2) Jesse Walker-Lanz, Samangi Skinner

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Liao to approve the minutes from the May 2019 Library Commission meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Commission Items**

Commissioner Allen provided an overview of the Annual Report and the fact that it is a requirement for every County Commission.

- He described that the report is supposed to include the Commission's successes and milestones as well as goals.
- Allen thanked former Commissioner David Lesser for his work on the report as well as Commissioners Nguyen and Cleri Reale for serving on the Ad Hoc Committee tasked with the completion of the report.
- He described the finished product as a short, concise report that shares what is needed for the future.

Commissioner Cleri Reale stated that the report is a good start and that now that the Commission knows what is required, it can work on creating an even better version.

There were several comments and questions from Commissioners.

- Commissioner Charney asked for clarification of the phrase, “transform the role of Library as place.” Commissioner Cleri Reale explained that it is one of the items in the Library’s Strategic Plan that refers to the evolution of the Library from a place to find books to an anchor in the community that offers multiple services and resources.
- Commissioner Lyons thanked the Ad Hoc Committee but expressed concern about the ongoing long-term projects list, as it will take maximum engagement and participation from the Commission to implement. A suggestion was made to add a bullet to this section that reflects a need for engagement and participation.
- Commissioner Reilly suggested adding a reference to *My Brother’s Keeper* to the list of programs discussed on page 5 of the report.
- Commissioner Liao asked what could be done to strengthen the work around Census 2020. Commissioner Cleri Reale responded that there is a statewide and regional coalition of organizations (funders, government, and community) working on this important topic and that LA County Library is at the table and participating in these discussions as libraries are a natural resource for Census outreach.
- Commissioner Williams thanked the Ad Hoc Committee and stated that she is very proud of the Commission and that the report is a great body of work.
- Commissioner Allen suggested replacing the word “ultimate” with the word “current” in reference to the minutes on page 5. He explained that this allows for some flexibility in the future, as there may not be a Commissioner willing to oversee the minutes.

### **Approval of Annual Report**

A motion to approve the Annual Report with the recommended amendments was made by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Liao. Chair Calaycay called out each Commissioner for a roll call vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Public Comment**

Chair Calaycay commented that there was a member of the public at the Culver City Library location who wished to speak.

Steve Suter introduced himself as residing in Culver City and having been in and around libraries for 40 years. He stated he enjoys coming to libraries. He informed the Commission that he is disappointed that libraries have changed from a nice, quiet place where you could read and study, to people eating food and lots of conversation and daycare. He asked if the Library could serve groups of unattended children and others in different ways. He stated that the community needs to preserve the library as an old-fashioned, quiet place.

Suter was thanked by Chair Calaycay for his comments.

There was no further public comment.

**Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Liao invited the entire Commission to a Beatles tribute concert at the San Gabriel Library. He announced that the event is on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, and is free to the public.
- Commissioner Lyons thanked Chair Calaycay for his dedication to getting the Annual Report approved and submitted.

The special meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.