

From: awinter242@aol.com
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Library Closure
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 8:29:32 AM

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Hi. Re the above, I was at a recent League of Women Voters meeting where the library closure was mentioned and a member of the panel (the Mayor I think) suggested that the former Bed, Bath and Beyond site might fit the bill. It's large, has the handicapped accessibility already in place and parking would be no problem. It would also be close enough to the present location not to interrupt the after-school programs for the neighborhood kids.

I have concerns about the possible relocation to the Community Center because traffic is such an issue on that stretch of Hollister that I think many people just wouldn't want to go there.

Maybe there's another large warehouse-type facility in Goleta that could work, although I'm sure the council is already looking at that.

Please could you pass on my e-mail to the Council for their consideration at the next meeting?

Thank you!

Annette Winter

From: [Madelyn](#)
To: [Luz Reyes-Martin](#)
Cc: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Library Location - Bed Bath & Beyond retail space
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 8:19:00 AM

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Dear Councilmember Reyes-Martin,

As you know, the Bed Bath & Beyond store in the Fairview Shopping Center is vacant. It is extremely unlikely they will get a tenant. Has anyone from the City contacted them to ask if they'd like to rent the space for a nominal \$1 / year as a philanthropic gesture to the city? It's a large space, still has shelving, has restrooms, is air-conditioned, and has plenty of parking.

This is the listing:

<https://www.hayescommercial.com/listings/?propertyType%5B0%5D=retail&propertyLocation%5B0%5D=goleta&quickSearch>

Sincerely,

Madelyn Cole, 537 Arundel Rd, Goleta

From: [Molly Kuhn](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Library location
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 9:00:25 AM

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Hello,
Te: Library temporary location

Is the old Bed Bath and Beyond location an option? Also, the community center would work. None of the schools have air conditioning so I don't see why that's a problem for the library.

Molly Hughes

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Molly Kuhn
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From: [Susan Shields](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Relocation of library
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 9:13:23 AM

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I live in Santa Barbara but have a Goleta library card owing to the fact that the SB library system no longer subscribes to the Black Gold system I frequently reserve books at Goleta. I suggest the Goleta City Council consider using the Goleta Community Center as a temporary home for two reasons: there is ample parking and it can be reached reasonably easily driving from the east and thereby avoiding the traffic in downtown Goleta. Failing that it would be vital to find alternative space that people can visit in person as a library is a vital physical resource for the community in many ways, even a life-saver for some. It has been suggested that Goleta patrons may go to the SB library instead but that does not work well for people who have no car and must rely on the bus. This is an important decision that the city council must make and I urge you to take it very seriously.

Susan Shields
3033 Calle Rosales, SB 93105

Sent from my iPad

From: [Annette Shimada](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Cc: rcaraway@noozhawk.com
Subject: Creative idea for library closure
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 7:39:06 AM

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Hello! I saw the Noozhawk article about Goleta library closure and temporary library option.

Perhaps shuttle service to the newly reopened SB library is possible and cost effective?

Warm regards,
Annette Shimada
Noleta Resident

From: [Anton Hoffmann](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Library - Option 3
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 7:15:11 AM

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I think option 3 is essential!

The council was given three options: 1) house services in the recently reopened Goleta Valley Community Center, 2) purchase portables for the community center parking lot to house services, or 3) find a building to lease and turn into a library during construction.

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anTon Hoffmann

"Resentment nails you to your ruined past." Jean Amery

From: [josie.castagnola](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Goleta Library
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 2:44:33 PM

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Hello city of Goleta,

Please consider renting the vacant space in Fairview Shopping center (Bed Bath & Beyond) for the library during the construction.

Plenty of parking for everyone and shopping convenience and children from local schools. Every wins and no traveling to Hollister avenue congestion and construction.

Thank you,
Josie Castagnola

From: [Thomas Edson](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Cc: [Yvonne Hernandez](#); [Cristina Hernandez](#)
Subject: Goleta Library Temp Relocation
Date: Saturday, November 9, 2024 9:53:12 AM

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Goleta City Council Members:

The proposal to relocate the city library to temporary quarters at the community center on Hollister is neither advisable nor acceptable.

Hollister Rd. construction is now producing a nightmare of traffic congestion immediately adjacent to community center throughout the daytime. Approaches to the community center on Hollister (east or west) are severely impacted by ongoing construction. Adding to this congestion by relocating the library to this location is really unwise, if not impractical.

Moreover, the parking at the community center is limited and may not provide adequate space to meet the standard volume of library patrons. Has the city produced a reliable account of the actual traffic produced at the current library location?

I recommend looking at other available venues and buildings to house the library. One such vacancy is the former Bed, Bath, and Beyond Store (@ Fairview Rd). It's larger than the current library, is vacant, has abundant parking, and—importantly—is accessible via multiple routes. Leasing this space may be a viable option for the owner.

Tom Edson
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Sent from my iRock

From: P LEY <pley@cox.net>

Date: November 11, 2024 at 5:41:15 PM PST

To: JoAnne Plummer <jplummer@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: library-shut down

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Joanne could you forward this?

Ms. Lopez (address does not send)

Bed Bath and Beyond is available to rent. It is close to the library so you would save on gas and staff time moving the books. It is also air conditioned (I think) so it would provide the needed haven to those sensitive to a heat wave. Maybe you could get a lease just for the time it takes to renovate.

There is also ample parking and easy access.

Just a thought,

Paulette Ley

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From: [Page Hiller-Adams](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Closure of Goleta Valley library and its temporary relocation
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:37:01 PM

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To whom it concerns--

I have just read the "Options for the Provision of Temporary Offsite Library..." document. It appears to be thorough, but the recommendation that 6500 Hollister be used as the interim library site grossly minimizes the importance of the severe shortage of parking spaces there. The point of creating an interim library site is to enable residents to use the interim library. Ten spaces, with possible additional street parking options, would severely limit public access. Streetside parking, even if available, would be difficult for parents to safely navigate with children in tow, and children as they develop need access to books perhaps more than any other group. Access will also be severely limited for a second, often isolated population-- the elderly who find in the library the medicinal proximity of other humans as they browse the stacks or read newspapers. Limited mobility in that group of library patrons often necessitates parking close to their destination. The very limited parking at 6500 Hollister will make current regularly scheduled parent/baby activities and parent/child gatherings, which alleviate the frequent sense of isolation among parents of young children, entirely unfeasible. Depending on local driving habits, crossing a major street could make library access dangerous for any visitor. With only ten "safe" spaces close to the building, many or most patrons simply won't make additional trips to the interim site after their first visit because they will know that parking likely will be unavailable.

Those who use our library with any regularity recognize that it provides a sense of community that is not duplicated elsewhere within our community. It is a quiet and welcoming "safe" place at a time of national division and rancor. The interim site will necessarily be much smaller than our current one, but accommodating ten visitors at a time, perhaps a few more from street parking, is much too limiting; ten parking spaces certainly is not "welcoming"; many elderly patrons and parents with children--two of our most library-needy populations--are unlikely to visit, and again, few people will be willing to drive to that location more than once when the chances are slim of being able to safely park and enter the building.

It appears that the City is set on renting the 6500 Hollister site, but I hope that you will instead continue to entertain other possibilities, including a resident's suggestion that the former Bed, Bath, and Beyond site might be useable, with its ample parking and with the additional advantage that a location near the permanent library site is likely to be more recognized.

Public access should certainly be the top priority for a public library, especially when the relocation will last a minimum of two years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Page Hiller-Adams
Goleta Library patron and Friends of the Library member

From: Susan Shields <shields3033@netscape.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 17, 2024 12:28 PM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Relocation of Goleta library

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Attention Mayor and City Council, City of Goleta

Relative to agenda item re library:

As a member of the GVL I support the proposal to locate the library at 6500 Hollister. It has all the structural and logistical requirements to serve the public safely which I believe outweighs its number of square feet. It will also save money. I am sure that the library staff can come up with creative solutions to any difficulties arising from loss of space.

Susan Shields

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From: Ravid Raphael <r Raphael@twodancers.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 17, 2024 7:28 PM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Temporary Library Site

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Dear Mayor Perotte and City Council Members,

I read the staff report on possible temporary sites for our library during construction/renovation. I am concerned about selecting the 6500 Hollister site. Although move in ready, it is significantly smaller than the permanent library, providing about 25% of the space of the permanent library. In addition to the GCC, I would have the city consider the former Bed, Bath and Beyond location at the Fairview Shopping Center. Although I don't have the specific dimensions, it appears to be close to the size of the library. It has air conditioning and heating to satisfy Warming Center requirements and has bathrooms which are probably ADA compliant. Its proximity to the permanent location, including nearby schools is a plus.

Please give this, or other more suitable temporary locations consideration.

Thank you,

Ravid Raphael

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Bernstein <robert@robert.name>

Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 1:10 PM

To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Proposed Library Relocation - For Comment to City Council?

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I would like to submit the comment below regarding the November 19 proposal to relocate the Goleta Library during reconstruction. Please just reply letting me know it was received and passed on to the Goleta City Council members? Thank you!

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I am writing with regard to Agenda Item D.3 Options for the Provision of Temporary Offsite Library Services During the Library ADA, Safety, and Building Improvement Project

I just learned about this plan. It seems very disruptive to the thousands of community members who use the Library each year to shut it down for two years or more. After so much disruption, the Library will barely be any different in appearance or function.

If it is temporarily relocated, the proposals in the agenda packet are rather absurd. They offer less than a fifth of the space of the actual library.

Have you considered getting a pop-up space in one of the vacant business locations in the area?

Bed Bath and Beyond?

Or the big empty space at Camino Real Marketplace?

I am a long time member of Friends of the Goleta Valley Library and appreciate the events they provide. I would not want any disruption of those events.

If you cannot provide adequate space during this long shut-down, perhaps you should consider another way to do the needed repairs that doesn't shut it down?

Best wishes,

Robert

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