



## City of Pittsburg

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Mariana Moore, Chair  
Measure X Community Advisory Board  
County Administrator's Office  
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As Mayor of the City of Pittsburg, and on behalf of the Pittsburg City Council, I am writing to endorse the County Librarian's proposal to extend the hours at each library in the County using Measure X funds. County libraries are so important for the community. Libraries provide access to wi-fi, computers, books, magazines, newspapers, and a wealth of educational programs.

For Pittsburg, the expanded hours will provide Monday through Saturday library services. The extra day and additional hours can be utilized by all within this wonderfully diverse community. Many of the users at the Pittsburg Library are students who work full-time to help support their families and themselves.

This request is consistent with four of the stated purposes of Measure X:

- Support crucial safety-net services
- Invest in early childhood services
- Protect vulnerable populations
- Fund other essential services

We urge you as the Measure X Community Advisory Board to support this effort as well. Using Measure X funding to support the expansion of community library hours to all residents of Contra Costa County ensures that no one is excluded from the internet, information, and learning. This work is what Measure X was intended to support. In addition, we hope that the County Board of Supervisors also recognizes the opportunity to provide more library services once the matter comes before them.

Sincerely,

Merl Craft  
Mayor  
City of Pittsburg

cc: City Council  
Supervisor Federal Glover  
Garrett Evans, City Manager  
Monica Nino, County Administrator  
Alice Evenson, City Clerk

Lisa Driscoll, Contra Costa County  
Alison McKee, County Librarian  
Peter Wilson, Library Commission  
Zelda LaFrak-Belleci, Library Commission  
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