

April 24, 2024

WHEREAS, the Dallas Public Library (Library) has been an essential partner for Dallas communities, supporting learning, inspiring curiosity and advancing lives for more than 120 years;

WHEREAS, the Library initiated the planning process for the Library Strategic and Facilities Plan on January 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this year-long process engaged nearly 5,000 residents in over 65 community and stakeholder meetings, utilizing six languages and interactive formats that invited participation from individuals across literacy levels as well as community outreach that invited input from non-Library users; and

WHEREAS, each Library location was assessed by outside architects and library industry professionals and these assessments were cross-referenced with City of Dallas Facilities Condition Reports and the Needs Assessment Inventory; and

WHEREAS, the Library examined key City of Dallas priority areas and existing plans like the Racial Equity Plan, Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan, Broadband Digital Equity Strategy, Welcoming Dallas Strategic Plan, and Cultural Plan to ensure alignment of Library services; and

WHEREAS, the Library Strategic and Facilities Plan is intended to serve as guiding principles to help the Library provide services and facilities that are responsive to community needs; and

WHEREAS, a vibrant, well-run Library system enhances the quality of life and economic outcomes of the community; and

WHEREAS, the strategic plan sets eight strategic goals, including 1) creating opportunities for learning and discovery, 2) providing customer-responsive technology, 3) cultivating a vibrant materials collection, 4) reducing barriers to access, 5) providing inspiring and welcoming facilities, 6) making community connections, 7) communicating the library's value and 8) developing future-ready staff; and the facilities plan identifies key considerations and makes recommendations for future facilities investments and expansions that will meet community needs to provide places for creativity and learning, in ways that are inspiring, welcoming, innovative and technology rich, well-maintained, accessible, and inclusive.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

April 24, 2024

SECTION 1. That the City Council accepts the goals and recommendations set forth in the Dallas Public Library Strategic and Facilities Plan (Plan), which consists of a five-year strategic plan and a 20-year facilities plan, and which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. That the City Council hereby adopts the Plan to guide Library services, operations, technology, and collaborations for the next five years, and to guide investments in Library spaces and facilities for the next 20 years.

SECTION 3. That the City Council hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to guide and support the Library's efforts to advance the goals and recommendations provided for in the Plan.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.