



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Quality of Life, Arts & Culture
AGENDA DATE: April 24, 2024
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Library
EXECUTIVE: M. Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira

SUBJECT

Authorize **(1)** the acceptance of the specific 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; **(2)** the adoption of the Plan to serve as a guideline for the Library's provision of services for the next five years and development of facilities for the next 20 years; and **(3)** the City Manager to guide and support the Library's efforts to advance the goals and implemented the recommendations provided for in the Plan - Financing: This action has no cost consideration to the City (see Fiscal Information)

BACKGROUND

The Dallas Public Library adopted its last Strategic Plan in 2016 and its last Facilities Master Plan in 1999. In early 2023, the City of Dallas initiated a process to develop a comprehensive plan for the Library's future. Objectives included the development of a five-year strategic plan and a 20-year facilities plan that can serve as guidelines for the Library to adapt to evolving circumstances and new opportunities in the coming years.

The Library sought feedback from the community on their vision for the Dallas Public Library through multilingual surveys, community visioning sessions, neighborhood focus groups, and feedback stations within the library. Community input was designed to elicit responses from the widest range of people possible, including but not limited to non-English speakers, low-literacy adults, youth, and non-library users.

The goals and recommendations in the Plan align with the City's strategic priorities and Racial Equity Plan and reaffirm the Library's role as a critical community institution that provides educational opportunities, access to technology, and community resources.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On March 26, 2024, the Municipal Library Board was briefed on the draft plan.

The Quality of Life Arts & Culture Committee was briefed on the “Dallas Public Library: Library Strategic & Facilities Plan” on April 15, 2024.

The City Council was briefed on the “Dallas Public Library: Library Strategic & Facilities Plan” on April 17, 2024.

FISCAL INFORMATION

This action has no cost consideration to the City. Implementation of this plan would be subject to appropriation as part of future operating and capital budgets.