



OCEAN BEACH PLANNING BOARD

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Ocean Beach Branch Library
San Diego Public Library
4801 Santa Monica Ave
San Diego, CA 92107

Re: Unanimous support for air conditioning at the Ocean Beach Branch Library

To Whom It May Concern:

The Ocean Beach Planning Board has unanimously voted to support the installation of air conditioning units at the Ocean Beach Branch Library at 4801 Santa Monica Avenue.

The Board strongly believes that this project will provide significant benefits to the community. Air conditioning will relieve the library's uncomfortable conditions during the summer months, a factor that currently deters potential users. In addition, as most Ocean Beach residents do not live in air-conditioned homes, it is important to provide a public space with climate control. This is especially critical in light of recent climate forecasts predicting hotter summers and more-frequent heat waves across Southern California.

We appreciate the historical significance of the Ocean Beach Branch Library and believe that this project can be done in a manner sensitive to those historical concerns. Accordingly, we are pleased that the proposed project will make every effort to preserve the exterior façade of the original 1928 structure, and that major equipment will be mounted on the newer (1962) addition to the building.

The Ocean Beach Planning Board appreciates your consideration. Feel free to contact me at ruscitti.obpb@sent.com or 619-737-2077 if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Peter Ruscitti, Chair
On Behalf of the Entire OB Planning Board

cc: City of San Diego