



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jane Light

**SUBJECT: BRANCH LIBRARY HOURS
PARTIAL RESTORATION COSTS**

DATE: May 13, 2009

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BACKGROUND

This Manager's Budget Addendum (MBA) is in response to a question from Councilmember Liccardo during the May 7, 2009 Proposed Operating Budget Study Session of the Neighborhood Services City Service Area. Councilmember Liccardo inquired about the cost to restore hours of service to the City's branch libraries.

ANALYSIS

The Branch Library Hours proposal is included in the Neighborhood Services CSA, in the Promote Lifelong Learning and Provide Educational Support Core Service (Page VII-187), and the Provide Access to Information, Library Materials, and Digital Resources Core Service (page VII-193). Additional detailed information regarding this proposal can also be found in the City Departments section of the proposed budget (page VIII-168). If the City Council accepts the current proposal to reduce 13 hours of service at branch libraries, each branch Library would be open 33-34 hours, or four days per week instead of the current schedule of 47 hours, Monday through Saturday. If eight hours of service were restored, resulting in branch hours being reduced by 5 hours per week, every branch library would be open Tuesday through Saturday for a total of 42 hours per week. This revision in branch library hours would cost \$1,199,036. If four hours of service were restored, resulting in branch hours being reduced by 9 hours per week, every branch library would be open 38 hours per week, Tuesday through Saturday, with four hours of service on Friday. This revision in branch library hours would cost \$738,184.

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