



San Francisco Public Library

Memorandum

To: Library Commissioners

Fr: Paul Underwood, Acting City Librarian
Marilyn Thompson, Bond Program Manager

Date: March 7, 2005

Re: Bernal Heights Branch Library Renovation

As discussed at recent Commission meetings, construction costs have risen rapidly in California and especially in the Bay area. We have just received the preliminary cost estimate for the proposed renovation plans for the Bernal Heights Branch Library and it is more than \$1 million over budget.

In order to meet the budget, we recommend not constructing an addition to the building as has been proposed in previous community meetings. In order to maximize the collection size and library services, we still recommend moving the Children's Area to the lower level and also the library materials processing area. However, under this plan, there would not be space remaining for a separate Program Room or the Preschool after the renovation.

In order to move forward on this project in a timely manner, we will recommend and request your Action on the direction of the Bernal Heights Branch Library renovation at the scheduled Commission meeting on March 17. At that time, we will provide you with more detailed information about the budget and design that will inform your decision.

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