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April 19, 2023

The Honorable Evan Low  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849, Suite 6110  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0026

**RE: 2023 State Budget Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center**

Dear Assemblymember Low:

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we respectfully submit a State Budget Funding request for \$3,000,000 to build the Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center located at 760 Lakechime Drive.

Larry Klein  
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Councilmember

The City and two local school districts are partnering to build this 20,000 square foot facility. It will be a primary resource for literacy, learning and wellness for north Sunnyvale. This area currently has less access to services. It's diverse population also has income and educational inequities. The new Library will address this by supporting education, skill development and personal growth. This will strengthen quality of life and contribute to a healthy local economy.

The enclosed Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center Project Sheet outlines the benefits to Californians by funding this community project.

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Michelle Perera, Director of Library and Recreation Services, at [MPerera@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:MPerera@sunnyvale.ca.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Klein  
Mayor

enc. Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center Project Sheet

cc: City Council  
Kent Steffens, City Manager  
Teri Silva, Assistant City Manager  
Michelle Perera, Director of Library and Recreation Services

# Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center



The City and two local school districts are partnering to build the **20,000 square foot Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center**. It will be the City’s second library and a primary resource for **literacy, learning and wellness for north Sunnyvale**. This area currently has **less access to services**. Its diverse population also has **income and educational inequities**. The new Library will address this by supporting education, skill development and personal growth. This will **strengthen quality of life** and **contribute to a healthy local economy**.

## Quick Facts



**MEETS GOALS**     City     County     State  
 Federal

**PROJECT NEED** Provide essential library and community services to an underserved area of Sunnyvale in a LEED Gold facility.

**LOCATION** 760 Lakechime Drive, Sunnyvale

**PROPOSED SQUARE FOOTAGE**  
Approx. 20,000 s.f.



## This Project Will:

- ➔ Leverage local funding and service resources provided by the City, Sunnyvale School District and Fremont Union High School District
- ➔ Foster creative expression, education, skill development, and personal enrichment for all ages
- ➔ Contribute to healthy living and stronger neighborhoods
- ➔ Meet state and local goals to provide equitable access to information, services and resources
- ➔ Achieve local, state and national sustainability goals with LEED Gold design

## Bringing Literacy, Learning and Wellness to North Sunnyvale

Silicon Valley is well-known throughout the world as a center for technology and innovation. Yet, wealth and income gaps have continued to widen in recent years. The highly diverse Lakewood area in north Sunnyvale reflects the inequities in income and education. It is also more isolated from services. Many residents live between two to four miles from any library. As a result, the area has the lowest percentage of residents with Sunnyvale library cards than any other neighborhood in the city. This means residents with the most to gain have a difficult time accessing these services. The new Library and Learning Center will bring targeted services closer to this population and support education, skill development and personal growth. The facility will also help achieve sustainability goals with its LEED Gold design.



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**RE: 2023 State Budget Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Lakewood Safe Route to School**

Dear Assemblymember Low:

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we respectfully submit a State Budget Funding request for \$1,750,000 to make walking and biking safer near the Lakewood Elementary School. These infrastructure improvements align with numerous local, state and federal policies and initiatives, and have significant health, safety and environmental benefits. Additionally, we would be investing in neighborhoods that have a high percentage of socio-economically disadvantaged families.

The enclosed Lakewood Safe Route to School Project Sheet outlines the benefits to Californians by funding these improvements.

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Chip Taylor, Director of Public Works, at [ctaylor@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ctaylor@sunnyvale.ca.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Klein  
Mayor

enc. Lakewood Safe Route to School Project Sheet

cc: City Council  
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# Lakewood Safe Route to School

Sunnyvale’s neighborhoods were not designed for the car volumes we see today. The resulting **congestion around schools causes concerns** in our community about safety, air quality and access. **Safer routes will encourage walking and biking** which are healthier for people and better for the environment. The school proposed for this **Safe Route project** has an enrollment of 437 students with a high percentage of socio-economically disadvantaged families. **Investing in this neighborhood will improve overall health, safety, and connectivity.**

## Quick Facts

Requested Funds



Total Project Cost



**MEETS GOALS**    ✓ City    ✓ County    ✓ Bay Area  
                         ✓ State    ✓ Federal

**PROJECT NEED** The 2020 Active Transportation Plan identified and prioritized these locations for safety improvements.

## LOCATION

- ➔ **Lakewood Elementary School:**  
Lakechime Drive/Meadowlake Drive

## Improvements for Safer Travel

- ➔ Curb radius reductions and curb extensions
- ➔ Pedestrian safety signs and striping
- ➔ ADA curb ramps



## This Project Will:

- ➔ Encourage walking and biking for all ages and abilities
- ➔ Reduce vehicle speeds
- ➔ Improve visibility for travelers
- ➔ Reduce crossing distances at busy intersections
- ➔ Expand and connect walking and biking networks
- ➔ Reduce negative environmental impacts

## Aligns with Multiple Policies & Initiatives

- ➔ Active Transportation Plan
- ➔ Vision Zero Plan
- ➔ Climate Action Plan
- ➔ MTC Plan Bay Area 2050
- ➔ Caltrans District 4 Bike Plan
- ➔ Caltrans Complete Streets Policy
- ➔ FHWA Complete Streets Policy