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Northeast Library & Community Center Design Comes to Life *Community Members are Invited – May 18*

STOCKTON, Calif. – Last fall, the City of Stockton Community Services Department began the process of designing a combined library and community center for Northeast Stockton, which will be located on West Lane next to McNair High School. Community members participated in the design process through a series of engaging meetings, where they shared ideas and preferences for programs, services and features for the new location.

Community members are invited to stop by and see the vision come to life in the form of architectural drawings with floor and site plans, a 3-D model, diagrams and designs, Saturday, May 18:

10:00 a.m. to Noon

Arnold Rue Community Center

5758 Lorraine Ave.

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Margaret Troke Library

502 W. Benjamin Holt Dr.

“This is an exciting process – beginning with the basics and creating a design – for both a library and a community center,” shared Community Services Director John Alita. “We’ve combined the creativity and energy of the community into a design that will provide activities and services not currently available in the surrounding neighborhoods.

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Now, we have a design with renderings and a 3-D model, so members of the community can see what we plan to build.”

The site for this new location was selected in 1995 and dedicated to the City in 2002. Strong Communities was approved by voters in November 2016, providing a funding source for the building through a dedicated one-quarter cent sales tax initiative, Measure M. Until recently, when a full-service micro library was opened at the Arnold Rue Community Center, the Margaret Troke Library, on Benjamin Holt Drive near Pacific Avenue, was the only library serving the city of Stockton north of Harding Way.

“We’ve recognized the need for additional services for over two decades,” continued Alita. “That is what makes designing and building of this location – based on the ideas and needs of those who will use the services – that much more exciting. In addition, the building will be designed to be environmentally friendly with a minimum goal to obtain LEED Silver-level certification, a commitment made by the City Council back in 2007 for all new City buildings over 10,000 square feet in size.”

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