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Good afternoon, Mayor, Councilmembers, and staff,

On behalf of Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, the County Superintendent of Schools, I would like to express our gratitude towards the City of San Jose, particularly the San Jose Public Library and the Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services department, for their efforts in advancing education and digital literacy.

The Santa Clara County Office of Education is proud of our partnership with the City in supporting this objective. Together, we have co-hosted California Digital Equity Plan regional meetings, brought our SCCOE Parent Engagement Workshop to the San Jose Public Library, and offered SCCOE's Ways 2 Equity Playbook to support culturally relevant pedagogy for all students.

Digital Literacy is a core goal of the Board of Education and the Superintendent, and we look forward to continuing our work with the City so these resources can be collaboratively utilized for the benefit of children and families.

We extend our appreciation for your leadership, partnership, and commitment to the expansion of education and digital literacy across San Jose.

Best,



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Honorable City Council Members and Mayor,

I write today on behalf of the Board of Directors and donors to the San Jose Public Library Foundation in support of Item 7.1 and the terrific work that the City is doing, led by the San Jose Public Library, in terms of improving educational opportunities and outcomes for all residents. The Education and Digital Literacy Annual Report clearly demonstrates the importance and meaningful impact of the City's investment of public dollars for direct programs and quality standards assessment to ensure these programs are having the desired effect.

Since 2018, when the Council approved the overall Education and Digital Literacy Strategy (EDL), the Library Foundation has increased our fundraising support for the Library by more than 10-fold in large part due to the vision and structure of the EDL. As programmatic quality standards were adopted for Early Education, Learning by Grade Level Proficiency, College and Career, and Digital Literacy, we have seen greater clarity of purpose with measurable outcomes for a wide variety of programs within each educational development area. This, in turn, has allowed the Library Foundation to position these compelling programs for philanthropic funding, which augments the public investment to reach more people.

We are very proud of the work we accomplish every year with the Library and the City, and with all of our nonprofit partners in the San Jose Learns, Tutoring Matters, and Digital Inclusion Fund grant programs. The EDL provides an integrated structure within which these collaborations can flourish, reflect, and improve to benefit hundreds of thousands of people throughout the City and beyond.

In the coming year, we are eager to see the development of an EDL data dashboard for ease of information sharing and continued programmatic refinement based upon the relevant quality standard assessments. This approach will lead to stronger and more impactful programs that reflect the City's desire to uplift all residents. Thank you for this work – we are excited to be part of the journey.

Warm regards,
Dawn

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