

PIEDMONT AVENUE LIBRARY SURVEY COMMENTS

- 1 We love our library. Use it every week. 1/13/2020 4:34 PM
- 2 The neighborhood needs a good library with ample space. This is high priority. 1/13/2020 4:31 PM
- 3 The library is an important staple in the neighborhood. The children need it. 1/13/2020 4:26 PM
- 4 Pls. keep our library. 1/13/2020 4:08 PM
- 5 We've used the Piedmont (and College) library since our kids were little and I still rely on it for novels -- including best sellers. I'm always delighted at the selection they have.
1/13/2020 4:06 PM
- 6 Neighborhood library not intimidating. Easily accessible. 1/13/2020 4:01 PM
- 7 We need our library! 1/13/2020 3:56 PM
- 8 I want to keep facilities such as our community library available to us and our youth. 1/13/2020 3:54 PM
- 9 The library is a necessity. 1/13/2020 3:40 PM
- 10 I would like to see a new library built on the unused lot (old children's center?) next door to the current library.
1/9/2020 3:18 PM
- 11 We use the library 2 times a month and want to see it enlarged. 1/7/2020 10:15 AM
- 12 We need our old one back. the present one is too small and there is no parking. 1/7/2020 10:13 AM
- 13 Neighborhood schools and families regularly use the library. It's important for early reading & a lifelong relationship to learning
1/7/2020 10:09 AM
- 14 We need a permanent home for the library. We as tax paying Oakland citizens demand to have a home for the library.
1/7/2020 9:59 AM
- 15 This library is vital to the community. 1/7/2020 9:56 AM
- 16 Keep it going. We need libraries. 1/7/2020 9:53 AM
- 17 We have to have a library for the local community. 1/7/2020 9:51 AM
- 18 We need a bigger library in our neighborhood. 1/7/2020 9:50 AM
- 19 Not Piedmont resident but support libraries. 1/6/2020 5:29 PM

20 important & important & important 1/6/2020 5:27 PM

21 A solid building - not a modular building is more inviting and useful. that old location small as it was, was an actual destination.

1/6/2020 5:25 PM

22 Libraries + democracy! We need them desperately, thanks 1/6/2020 5:20 PM

23 I love libraries and would use the Oakland PL more if the hours of the Piedmont location were expanded. Working full time with lots of after hours events that I manage makes it near impossible to get to the branch when they are open.

1/6/2020 5:17 PM

24 I love the location of the current library but understand that the school may need the space for its students - so securing another building in the area might be the best option.

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25 A library is a central focus for any community. Used by adults, seniors, young kids, pre-teens, teens for multiple purposes.

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26 I try not to think too much about how much my property taxes already are, but the library is important to me. So I guess as long as the money is spent well I don't mind.

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27 Come on Oakland you can do better! 1/6/2020 4:36 PM

28 Kids need to read!! 1/6/2020 4:34 PM

29 I love the Piedmont branch. It's great to have it so close by - I live on Yosemite. and it can get books thru Link & from other larger libraries. It would be great for it to have a real home.

1/6/2020 4:30 PM

30 We use the library as a family and as a meeting spot. Additionally as a teacher in the area, it is a resource we use to support education in the classroom

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31 We love the library! 1/6/2020 4:20 PM

32 We need library! 1/6/2020 4:15 PM

33 We love this branch! the kids play program and toys are wonderful. The book selection is excellent and it's convenient for us to stop in after strolling on Piedmont Ave. Our ritual is to have coffee at Timeless, visit the library and the grocery shop on Piedmont Ave!

1/6/2020 4:13 PM

34 The library saved my life. 1/6/2020 4:05 PM

35 We use Rockridge branch 1/6/2020 3:58 PM

36 Libraries are a sanctuary and a resource for so many that don't have it otherwise. 1/6/2020 3:57 PM

37 I love this library - close to everything, great programming and staff. 1/6/2020 3:51 PM

38 We need a better bigger library for the neighborhood. 1/6/2020 3:49 PM

39 Please note that I am a Piedmont resident. I would support a parcel tax on Piedmont properties to support an Oakland library branch near us, but I don't know if there is support city wide for this.

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40 Libraries are the heart of our community. 1/4/2020 6:34 PM

41 Libraries are important for all ages, especially during times of change. 1/4/2020 6:33 PM

42 Piedmont Ave needs a much better library. 1/4/2020 6:30 PM

43 Local public libraries extremely important to me. Order books monthly, love walking to Piedmont library - no longer drive so nearby library essential.

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44 The abandoned Oakland school play school building has been empty for years. Is this a good option? Plus it is next to current library and the Piedmont Elementary School.

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45 I love this library and our librarians. 1/4/2020 6:18 PM

46 If there is unused bldg owned by OUSD library could potentially use bldg for free - just an idea. Getting a perm space owned by city is probably better and then do lg fund raiser NOT parcel tax We already pay a tax for the library City of Oakland swindles \$ from libraries and it is just wrong!

1/4/2020 6:17 PM

47 On Piedmont Ave preferred ON A BUS ROUTE for convenience and for easy access for seniors - a library is important to the health of a community & should be in a busy prominent spot. Not hidden away. Rockridge is well placed on College. It would not be as useful off the street.

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48 If i were a property owner in the neighborhood I'd be more than willing to pay a \$100 a year parcel assessment for such an extremely important community benefit. I paid such an assessment for years in Davis Ca

1/4/2020 6:07 PM

49 When I was more mobile I used the library a lot. I can't get to it very easily any more, but I think it is a great asset in the community and that it adds to everyone's quality of life.

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50 the staff is great and given the size of the facility - I think it is small but great for the school kids - I think they do a remarkable job.

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51 I believe a moderate bond measure would be preferable to a parcel tax. All Oakland residents should be asked to contribute to our libraries, not just homeowners. (use Berkeley as a model) Any library user can use any branch.

1/4/2020 5:59 PM

52 The library is so important. every time I go into the library I see people of all ages reading, using the computer or just looking around - relaxing and enjoying themselves. I appreciate walking to the library . Staff are wonderful, so helpful!

1/4/2020 5:55 PM

53 My family love the library! My son especially loves storyhour. 1/4/2020 12:46 PM

54 Libraries are very important and should always be easily available to the community. 1/4/2020 12:43 PM

55 Library is extremely important to seniors & youths in our neighborhood. It needs to be accessible & convenient.

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56 We need a much larger building & keep it in the neighborhood. 1/4/2020 12:31 PM

57 Keeps the kids off the streets. 1/4/2020 12:25 PM

58 Do your job! Support the community and your constituents vs your own special interests.

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59 We need a local library! 1/4/2020 12:21 PM

60 A library is very important in the neighborhood. for the children especially. It definitely helps the education and reading habits.

1/4/2020 11:11 AM

61 Libraries are important for healthy and functional communities. 1/4/2020 11:03 AM

62 I go to the library several times per week - I enjoy the friendly/helpful atmosphere and activities that take place.

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63 Books are important 1/3/2020 3:30 PM

64 I wish the best and hope it can stay where it is. 1/3/2020 3:29 PM

65 We miss the old branch. I have a seven year old and would love increase my branch options. We currently use the Temescal branch.

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66 Toddler activity 1/3/2020 3:22 PM

67 Libraries are essential to the fundamental learning objectives for our youth. 1/3/2020 3:21 PM

68 I value the library as a social and education center for children. It helps all the families in the neighborhood.

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69 The library is a critical part of the community. 1/3/2020 3:11 PM

70 Library should be located close to schools, preschools in the area. 1/3/2020 3:07 PM

71 This is a crucial service to the community & has widespread support. 1/2/2020 7:29 PM

72 This is a good library & I hope it can stay. 1/2/2020 7:28 PM

73 Very nice library! 1/2/2020 7:26 PM

74 I love the Piedmont library - it is a very valuable part of our community. 1/2/2020 7:20 PM

75 The former library was better. We'd like a library in a prettier space & more books. 1/2/2020 7:15 PM

76 We need a decent space for a library as well as a proper community space to create ----the neighborhood.

1/2/2020 7:11 PM

77 OUSD has other available properties to sell. Sell those instead. give us a break. 1/2/2020 7:03 PM

78 Fully fund education. I support libraries 1/2/2020 7:01 PM

79 Libraries are incredibly important to a community for many reasons. 1/2/2020 6:59 PM

80 I live in the neighborhood and use the library all the time. Keep the library in Piedmont! 1/2/2020 2:52 PM

81 Libraries are incredible and should be saved. 1/2/2020 2:51 PM

82 Current location fairly easy for parking on street. Seems too small for the neighborhood but they seem to make it work, with a lot of interlibrary transfers. would be wonderful to have a new building. Maybe we can afford it with all the new residents in new nearby apts. It's currently not up to the standards of the Piedmont Ave neighborhood.

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83 Libraries are an important parts of any community. I use the one closer to Rockridge but feel that any closure has a negative impact.

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84 The library is more important now with our use of technology. 1/2/2020 2:35 PM

85 I support the library even if it means I have to pay for it. I believe others in the community agree.

1/2/2020 2:32 PM

86 I love Oakland library! 1/2/2020 2:27 PM

87 Very important! 1/2/2020 2:25 PM

88 As a parent, libraries are very important to the health of my child and our community! 1/2/2020 2:22 PM

89 the library is a great resource in this neighborhood that has a large senior population as well as several schools. I also recently taught a crochet class there which was immensely popular. It would be great to have a library with a community room.

1/2/2020 2:21 PM

90 I love Piedmont library I've been using it for a long time. It's vital please improve it don't close it. 1/2/2020 2:17 PM

91 I am a young person that uses the library and it is very important so I can keep reading and it is a great place to build a community. Please do not lose it.

1/2/2020 2:14 PM

92 MUST keep libraries available to all - they are of supreme importance for many reasons. 1/1/2020 5:54 PM

93 I am very much appreciative of the library coming to Piedmont Gardens. Use a walker and walking on Piedmont Ave is pretty scary!

1/1/2020 5:52 PM

94 The children of the neighborhood - any neighborhood - are the most important patrons of the library! Maybe a children's dept program is more needed than one for high school age and adult books and periodicals. An area for adult free book exchange might be enough with a place to post book "wishes" for adults to borrow or be gifted by owner.

1/1/2020 5:49 PM

95 I am a 80 year old lady that walks with a cane. Soon I will not be driving. people like me need a library in the neighborhood.

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96 It seems to me that the library in this area should be in an area near Piedmont Elementary school and Piedmont Gardens - where large numbers of users are. In addition our immediate neighborhood is a populated one which this library has served for several generations successfully; some one told me that this small library in its first building on Piedmont Ave had the 4th largest circulation in Oakland.

1/1/2020 5:38 PM

97 Current location good for nondrivers & school kids. 1/1/2020 5:33 PM

98 I know a number of P.G. residents use the library services that come here. 1/1/2020 5:31 PM

99 I currently do not use the library but I feel good knowing it is available if I want it. 1/1/2020 5:30 PM

100 I am now a senior resident of Piedmont Gardens but I grew up in this neighborhood and remember going to the Piedmont Ave library when it was located in the attractive small building behind Citibank when I was 8 years old. that was the perfect location.

1/1/2020 5:28 PM

101 I am very hopeful the library will stay open. 1/1/2020 5:23 PM

102 Has anyone ever done a title search to determine whether an historical pedestrian easement exists along the missing segments of Glen Ave (from E side of Linda Ave; about 100ft from rear entrance of Piedmont Gardens elevator; to Arroyuelo Ave from Entrada Ave to Echo Ave directly across the street from the existing library building & the continuation eastward of existing Glen Ave? Such a pedestrian route would reduce the walking distance from P.G. to the existing library by at least 50% and eliminate 2 up & down steep segments. Just wondering.

1/1/2020 5:21 PM

103 My wife & I very much value this local branch library. the ability to draw from the collections of all OPL's and also the Linkin is very helpful for us. We would be very disappointed if the branch closed.

1/1/2020 5:13 PM

104 I am a book person - a reader. If my general impression is correct we have become less and less readers. I lament this: for me libraries (including my own) are imperative for our society but these libraries must find ways to invite more people into the love of reading!

1/1/2020 5:09 PM

105 A public library keeps a community vital because of activities for you and adults including computers and lectures and possibly music and films.

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106 We live in Piedmont Gardens, would benefit from a library close to us. 1/1/2020 5:02 PM

107 Libraries are the essence of a vibrant civic life; as a former Oakland high school teacher I support & endorse this project.

1/1/2020 4:52 PM

108 local libraries are very important to our communities & should be supported at all costs 1/1/2020 4:48 PM

109 I greatly appreciate having a close by library where I can get literature without having to purchase. I believe the library deserves a central location as a community asset where information & activities of all kinds and all ages can be enjoyed.

12/19/2019 4:01 PM

110 Libraries are very important. Neighborhood branches should be supported. 12/19/2019 3:57 PM

111 We visit weekly for Baby cafe the Piedmont Ave library is a great community amenity. The building next door is currently empty and would be a nice permanent location for the library.

12/19/2019 3:54 PM

112 Library is very important for community and educational Public system. It would be ideal if library could stay in the temporary building or move right next door to the other building.

12/19/2019 3:49 PM

113 I have lived in the Piedmont Ave neighborhood for over 16 years and it is a wonderful walkable place to live. Having a walkable branch of the public library is a great resource which I would hate to see disappear. Please make this a permanent neighborhood place.

12/19/2019 3:46 PM

114 Libraries should be expanded to serve the community at large. 12/19/2019 3:41 PM

115 I know so many people who use Piedmont Branch on a regular basis. It is part of their daily routine. Adjusting to the move to its current location was very difficult. We must keep it in the neighborhood and increase the size

12/19/2019 3:39 PM

116 Can it move to 41st & Linda? 12/19/2019 3:29 PM

117 Coming to Piedmont Gardens once a month is great! 12/19/2019 3:23 PM

118 I live at Piedmont Gardens. the library has been very important to me! 12/19/2019 3:21 PM

119 I used the branch library very often until I moved to Piedmont Gardens. I use the library now and work in it part time. I value a library very much and without one I would be forking actively to maintain a branch in this area.

12/19/2019 3:16 PM

120 I am unable to read even large print books but I support the library. 12/19/2019 3:13 PM

121 We recently moved from Montclair & used that library weekly. Now it's a pleasant walk to the Piedmont Branch So important for the neighborhood to keep it esp for the young people when school is out.

12/19/2019 3:12 PM

122 Anywhere in neighborhood where there is public transportation. I am aging & not gracefully but libraries are lie schools - We Need them to remind us that we believe in both to keep usa just country with an informed public.

12/19/2019 3:08 PM

123 I love the Piedmont Ave library!! I wish more people knew about it and appreciated it. 12/17/2019 12:07 PM

124 Many local children use the Piedmont Branch library, not to mention adults. Since there isn't a library in the local neighborhood school, it is extremely important to offer this service near the students' homes. Books seem essential to education and appreciation of the written word. Technology is reducing reading and writing skills (I say this as a Writing Coach for kids and adults, and see it in my work), and the value of books for the development of young minds and human creativity can't be underestimated. It's been proven that books are both psychologically and physically healthier for people than technological devices. We all spend too much time staring at screens as it is. Without books, I would not have become a writer and published author. There is nothing like reading aloud to those we care about.

12/12/2019 5:03 PM

125 We already have a parcel tax. Having a library in the community is extremely important. 12/6/2019 5:19 PM

126 The written word is a treasure and the library is central to a community. 12/6/2019 5:15 PM

127 Libraries in our communities create an oasis for children to learn and thrive and if we couldn't walk to them we wouldn't be able to go!

12/6/2019 5:11 PM

128 The Piedmont Avenue Branch is wonderful for families with children. We bring our preschool aged daughter here 2-4 times a week and it has been critical for us as apartment dwellers with limited space at home for a large book collection.

12/6/2019 5:07 PM

129 Please allot a substantial sum from the city coffers to purchase and refurnish the former library site at 41st St and Piedmont Ave

12/6/2019 5:04 PM

130 I have 2 children. My oldest has gone to the library regular with is school, to use tablets and find books to learn to read. I frequently checkout books and movies and my youngest has just started attending Baby Cafe. the library is vital for y family. We enjoy it

12/6/2019 4:58 PM

131 the library is great for our community. I appreciate the staff - they address my kids by name and make us feel so welcome. Special thanks!

12/6/2019 4:53 PM

132 OUSD should let you all stay indefinitely. I like the location including the kids playing ball. Free internet access is wonderful.

133 I live a few miles from this branch and think it is important to maintain the deity of libraries in this neighborhood.

12/6/2019 4:45 PM

134 (parcel tax) Most of it doesn't get to the library it goes into General Fund - City Hall's favorite. Bait & switch

12/6/2019 4:36 PM

135 Used old library now drive to El Cerrito 12/6/2019 4:34 PM

136 The Piedmont library is an essential part of our neighborhood and community. It supplies critical services to every demographic. We visit every other week-time at the library helps our son learn and the books we bring home boost his language skills and foster a love of reading. we love this library!

12/6/2019 4:24 PM

137 We love the library! We'd love more space and more activities for kids. 12/5/2019 6:46 PM

138 Libraries are sources of culture, science, history as well as emotional & physical health. It's a place where all community can enter - children learn to read books at libraries.

12/5/2019 6:43 PM

139 A community library is not a luxury - it is a necessity because of the many services that would not otherwise be available for families, teens, elders as well as those with limited resources. Please keep the Piedmont Branch open!

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140 The libraries are important for children, elders, everyone. 12/5/2019 6:33 PM

141 Keep the goals realistic 12/5/2019 6:32 PM

142 I love the Piedmont Avenue Library. The staff is so great!!! and the library is full of school kids (from Piedmont Ave & St Leo's) after school. Please keep the library in the neighborhood and near the schools. It would be wonderful to have a slightly bigger space with more dedicated space for kids to do homework, tutoring, chess, computing & dedicated quiet areas too.

12/5/2019 6:30 PM

143 Love our library and its staff - love how they support the neighborhood with programs for all ages and interests. Public libraries are one of the most important functions of our local government.

12/5/2019 6:26 PM

144 First visit today - lovely library which I would support with a parcel tax 12/5/2019 6:20 PM

145 We are new parents and really need the resource for our little one. We grew up with constant library visits and want the same for him.

12/5/2019 6:19 PM

146 Libraries are essential for a healthy community 12/5/2019 6:16 PM

147 We don't use the library all that often but when we do we need it and it is reassuring to know it is close by.

12/5/2019 6:13 PM

148 This is an essential resource for the neighborhood. We can not afford to lose it. 12/5/2019 6:11 PM

149 I love having a library close by. I go about 4 X a week. I so much appreciate libraries. Everyone who works at the library is friendly & helpful. It helps to create a sense of community. It is vital to the health of our community.

12/5/2019 6:10 PM

150 Once we hear about the CDC from OUSD we can concentrate on other options. \$ for a new building in the area will be formidable but possible if can engage local support (& crowdfunding). Mosswood sounds like a good option. If nothing else try to renew the lease. I think families w/kids should have more weight in the discussion since it is their future now

12/5/2019 6:07 PM

151 We live in Montclair but like the Piedmont branch so we always come here. 12/5/2019 6:04 PM

152 We love the library. I would support any nearby move. thank you! 12/5/2019 6:01 PM

153 We love and need the library in our neighborhood. 12/5/2019 5:56 PM

154 this branch is the smallest but yet the friendliest branch. I enjoy the staff a lot. I sincerely hope this branch will continue to offer its services.

12/5/2019 5:54 PM

155 The library is an amazing resource for families in particular. I appreciate all the activities for families/children. We love the library!

12/5/2019 5:51 PM

156 I take out at least 3 books a week from the library & this is very important to me as is my ability to walk here. this is a neighborhood with many seniors & at least 2 schools that I know of. We

all need a local, walkable library. I would be willing to pay a parcel tax to support the endeavor.

157 Would love to see the unused adjacent rec center building renovated to house the library. We enjoy the proximity to the PAES schoolyard. The branch is a vital resource for our family and we really love the community events as they build connection among neighbors in a welcoming and diverse way. The librarians are doing a wonderful job both facilitating events and offering engaging new books and toys.

11/25/2019 10:35 AM

158 Please don't close this branch. You're an integral part of the neighborhood. Nothing but goodness comes from this location.

11/23/2019 8:27 AM

159 Parcel taxes are an unfair way to charge property owners for services that renters and other library users benefit from, as well. Other cities see user fees, etc as far more equitable.

11/22/2019 2:44 PM

160 It would be nice to have a larger, nicer facility but frankly the current building seems to work. My kids have to option of going to one of the larger branches but 4 out of 5 times they want to come to the Piedmont Avenue branch. I guess bigger isn't always better. Would it be possible for different books to be rotated into branches on a periodic basis, if that doesn't already happen. Our family has been a weekly user of Oakland Public Libraries for two years and have not seen such a rotation. I also wonder if a public/private partnership with one or more complimentary businesses/entities could enhance the experience or help share costs... cafe, bank, restaurant, book store, school, church, temple, kaiser, housing developer, etc...

11/22/2019 11:24 AM

161 Yes, we need a local branch library! 11/20/2019 3:24 PM

162 It needs to be within walking distance 11/19/2019 1:46 PM

163 We rent in the neighborhood, so I don't feel like we can weigh in on taxes. I love the library. We love the staff and culture there. I have learned to love the smaller size of this branch. I think some more room would be good, but not too much. Maybe out 50-75% more space is needed.

11/16/2019 9:15 PM

164 Just needs to be in the neighborhood somewhere! And the current space seems to be too small. Need more square footage.

11/15/2019 4:14 PM

165 I strongly support the proposal for OPL and the school district to cooperate in using the unoccupied building on the Piedmont Ave. School site.

11/15/2019 2:15 PM

166 The library is a wonderful part of our community 11/3/2019 12:34 PM

167 As a handicapped senior I feel it is important that we have some parking with a new library, I often don't go to our current library because I can't park nearby.

10/30/2019 5:04 PM

168 I think this neighborhood really needs a library, and a BIGGER space. Story time is so overcrowded!

10/29/2019 11:37 AM

169 It is convenient to have a library branch in the neighborhood, but in truth the Rockridge branch is pretty close and meets all my needs (and much nicer than the current Piedmont Ave branch). The kids programs are great for new families, so maybe specialize in that and let teens and adults go to the Rockridge branch?

10/29/2019 10:50 AM

170 Would love to see the building next to the school be used as library/communiity center.

10/29/2019 7:55 AM

171 Oakland's neighborhood libraries are vital to residents for so many things. A fine central permanent location should be found for the Piedmont branch that allows it to settle in in an expanded form that accommodates all of its many members. I'm willing to get involved if there's a need for more people. My info is below.

10/29/2019 7:34 AM

172 I currently work in a library so my use of Piedmont Ave Library is somewhat low. However, I am nearing retirement and would hope to be spending a lot more time at PAL. In fact, I'm interested in volunteer opportunities.

10/29/2019 4:44 AM

173 I used the library more when it was in its previous location (since I often walked by it). The current location is OK, but I find that I go there less, in part due to the lack of ambience, also because it is more off the beaten path. If we had a more appealing library space, I would use it more (spent a lot of time in the Rockridge library when my children were younger).

10/28/2019 9:46 PM

174 We love the Piedmont branch library. We are residents of the City of Piedmont and use it frequently to check out children's books. If the space were bigger we'd love to try more of the toddler programs but they are always very crowded.

10/27/2019 7:46 PM

175 A library is an essential anchor for a neighborhood!! We need a permanent space for our library.

10/23/2019 6:46 PM

176 I do not currently use the branch only because I work at SFPL full-time. When I retire, I will want to use the branch.

10/23/2019 4:08 PM

177 The branch library is not a luxury but an essential public good. It provides a safe space for kids to read and learn after school, along with many educational programs for community members of all ages. People who do not have access to the internet also use the library to access this now essential tool of communication. The library is not a luxury item we can do away with; it is a necessity if we continue to value literacy and equal access to knowledge for all, regardless of economic or cultural background.

10/22/2019 8:45 PM

178 The old location of the library was much more convenient and the building was beautiful, too. This portable is not bad, but far from perfect. I think I would use the library more if it were more spacious, and with room for more books, etc.

10/21/2019 11:31 PM

179 We love the library and the kid events. Thanks so much for all you do! 10/21/2019 8:53 PM

180 I am interested in this library serving as a traditional library and also to house community events. I would love to see Jon readiness, art classes, and reading circles for kids.

10/21/2019 7:10 PM

181 It will be a lot of work and money to figure out how to have a larger library, but a larger library with meeting rooms would definitely be a community asset.

10/21/2019 6:22 PM

182 Use the empty school next door. 10/21/2019 4:19 PM

183 It makes complete sense to utilize the former Child Care Center building on Echo and Glen for the new library. The build is in fairly good condition, it's near the school, accessible by foot for most of the neighborhood.

10/21/2019 2:37 PM

184 I think this library is critical to the community. I know that several of my neighbors use facilities in Piedmont instead, but we should not have to rely on their resources. Libraries are also critical to help kids in under-represented portions of the Piedmont Avenue neighborhood that will not go into Piedmont.

10/21/2019 2:18 PM

185 After seeing the unused building next door, I think that would be a fantastic long term location for the library and a community space.

10/21/2019 1:54 PM

186 PAL in an integral part of the community and is a necessary component in cultivating the children and community of not only piedmont, but of Oakland. I frequent this branch once a week at least and use the website and other services that are offered to the community.

10/21/2019 1:43 PM

187 Libraries are good neighbors. 10/21/2019 1:20 PM

188 I love having a public library so close. I use it regularly to secure and pick up books. If there was room to work/study, I would use it more often.

10/21/2019 12:51 PM

189 Try to secure the Piedmont Child Development Center (CDC) and search for grants, investigate fundraising and research a parcel tax if necessary.

10/20/2019 2:17 PM

190 How many library tax assessments are enough? I'm not made of money. I work hard for a living. Each assessment was sold as "Save our Libraries". Yet,, here we go again. Cut through the nostalgia. In this day and age, there are much higher, more important priorities than libraries. Besides, the city has money to pay for it.

10/18/2019 10:06 PM

191 Piedmont Avenue is the closest library to where I live. It's very useful, and it would be a pain for everyone in the Piedmont Avenue/Lower Piedmont neighborhoods if this branch closed.

10/17/2019 9:31 PM

192 This library is incredibly important to the community. A permanent, larger space would fill a critical need for families, children, and older adults of all socioeconomic backgrounds.

10/17/2019 8:54 PM

193 A library is THE BEST THING any neighborhood can have to bring it together 10/17/2019 5:58 PM

194 I am a teacher at piedmont avenue elementary and I love the library. With the cuts to our district funding our school library is unusable. I am so thankful for the PAL. They are an excellent resource for my classroom and they allow my students to come visit and experience the library monthly.

10/17/2019 5:56 PM

195 The library is a very valuable community resource for everyone from toddlers to seniors.

10/17/2019 3:00 PM

Piedmont Avenue Library Survey

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196 I love Piedmont Avenue Library. It's an important resource for everyone, from pre-K to the elderly. Please do what you can to keep the current location or secure funding for another location off of Piedmont Avenue.

10/17/2019 1:39 PM

197 I love the Piedmont Avenue library, as do my husband and two kids (aged 7 and 11). I go as often as twice a week sometimes, always have books on hold, and love the staff at this location. I miss having the library on Piedmont Avenue. It was convenient dropping in while out for a meal or shopping on Piedmont Avenue. It's current location is a little out of the way but closer to our home. If it moved to the other side of Piedmont Avenue, we wouldn't utilize it as much because of the distance from our home but we would still go!

10/17/2019 12:41 PM

198 The Piedmont Ave library is an important part of our neighborhood! It supports our families, seniors, and the character & culture of the community.

10/17/2019 8:40 AM

199 The library is more than a collection of books. It provides links to the community, support for developing literate children, social and informative gatherings for all ages that combat isolation and more.

10/17/2019 8:24 AM

200 I think the library should be in a more visible space so more people know it exists and will use it more. I think the present activities offered are very good and I enjoy the way the library finds ways to partake in our local affairs. All staff are very good and helpful.

10/13/2019 7:53 AM

201 we loved the old library on 40th, we love the library on Echo, but we'd very much love a permanent library somewhere in the area from Piedmont Avenue to MacArthur to Telegraph to 51st/Pleasant Valley

10/12/2019 11:18 PM

202 Parking is really bad in the present location. I used the one at 41st for years but now I go to lakeside more often due to the parking

10/11/2019 6:15 PM

203 It's important to have a public library in the Piedmont Avenue neighborhood. I don't know if Piedmont Gardens has library services, but it should be accessible for the elderly people living there... as well as in walking distance for families as parking is challenging it's current location.

10/11/2019 6:04 PM

204 Supportive of keeping a new library in the Piedmont Avenue area but feel that it's something the city should be able to fund rather than coming to taxpayers for more. Would consider an additional parcel tax if it was a last resort though. Important to have a library given the mixed populations in the area, some who may not be able to get to other libraries easily.

10/11/2019 4:37 PM

205 A library is a lifeline for the community - it is a safe haven for us all and a place of sharing, learning, meeting. It is a vital part of our community and must be maintained.

10/11/2019 4:15 PM

206 It's terrific to have the library so close to the elementary school. 10/9/2019 11:41 AM

207 My son goes to Piedmont Ave and loves this library. The summer reading programs for baseball tickets are awesome.

10/8/2019 6:39 PM

208 We love the library and want to keep supporting it!! We want a library in this neighborhood, and also want as little disruption to library service as possible while changes are being made.

10/8/2019 3:30 PM

209 I'm a low income college student and as such I heavily rely on the library as a resource for both school and entertainment. I am not able to contribute much financially but I am constantly encouraging others to make use of this invaluable gift and will throw my support behind any efforts made to keep this branch open.

10/7/2019 11:20 PM

210 I live on Montell St. 10/7/2019 10:51 PM

211 I use the library very little because vision problems mean I no longer read books. I should get more ebooks for my Kindle. I value the library highly.

10/7/2019 9:23 PM

212 Just one other comment: it would be nice if every branch had some semblance of a "no talking" or "whisper only" policy. A library exists for patrons to read books, or newspapers, etc. Currently there is no effort at all to make people understand this; in fact there seems to be encouragement for people to ignore it. [Re item # 10 below - I'm already involved as much as I want to be. Please take note!]

10/7/2019 8:06 PM

213 Great library. My husband and I use this library quite frequently. Borrowing DVDS and books. Sometimes we'll head down there to read magazines. It'll be nice if it stays there if the rent is reasonable.

10/7/2019 5:49 PM

214 To clarify my rankings in question 8, I think the portable is too small for the community's branch. 10/7/2019 5:33 PM

Our PAL staff do an extraordinary job there, but the space is inadequate. If it's impossible to find another, larger location at a reasonable cost (which is probably unlikely), then by all means renew the lease -- with the long-term goal being a new library. Strikes me that the school district will recover the portable space if they retire the CDC next door as surplus to requirements and either sell or lease at nominal cost.

215 The library is an important part of the community. We are very jealous that Rockridge has such a nice library and would like our neighborhood to have one also. Piedmont residents need to do their fair share for this!

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216 I love that I can walk to this neighborhood branch, especially since parking is tough around Piedmont Ave. I regularly borrow books here

10/7/2019 12:46 PM

217 I am willing to pay much higher taxes to support the library. A new building is totally unrealistic without an angel donor, but either renewing the OUSD lease or rehabilitating the CDC both seem good options.

10/7/2019 11:50 AM

218 Since the Berkeley Rep gives their docent talks at the library about once /month, it would be nice to have a more quiet space for them away from the front door and restrooms.

10/7/2019 11:23 AM

219 I LOVED THE OLD LOCATION! Miss it. With no parking & further down street, just don't go there. Interesting to note how use changed with the move; I'm guessing it went down.

10/6/2019 1:25 PM

220 Let's keep the library open, regardless of location. Securing funding to build a new building or switching location should be of secondary concern.

10/6/2019 9:13 AM

221 The elementary school relies on the library as a resource and I think it's important to keep it within a reasonable walking distance for the students

10/6/2019 8:54 AM

222 The Piedmont Ave. library is a blessing for our family. Although we were initially disappointed when it moved from 41st street, the current location is still within walking distance for us. We are extremely grateful for preschool storytime (easily the highlight of the week for our toddlers), the fabulous, friendly and knowledgeable librarians and staff, convenient and extended business hours and extra programs. We should prioritize long term objectives to include a larger, permanent space to avoid wasting funds on leases.

10/5/2019 11:27 PM

223 I truly hope that the library can negotiate with OUSD to take over the building next door to the current library.

10/5/2019 11:26 PM

224 I like the idea of having the library on the school site, and do think long-term co-location should be explored (especially if that could open additional funding resources). The current portable feels very temporary and cramped, though. Would love to see a space that could truly accommodate storytime, have a separate community room like Lakeview for activities, and generally have more space to enjoy the library (like Rockridge). We live on the south end of the neighborhood, and would love to see the

library farther south along the Piedmont Ave or Broadway corridor. The current location feels very close to the Temescal branch, which is itself very close to the Rockridge branch, while there is a dearth of library branches south of 41st Street, with the closest locations Lakeview, West Oakland, and Downtown. (I do appreciate that there are many patrons who come from Piedmont Gardens, but there are also large senior housing communities near the south end of Piedmont who might frequent a library there for the same reasons.) If it stays in the current vicinity, would love to see collaboration with the City of Piedmont to explore a library that might formally serve both cities (and that Piedmont property owners would help fund as well with some sort of joint Mello-Roos district). I put "move to another building" above build a new building should an appropriate building become available, but would add the caveat that it should be owned, not leased, for long-term sustainability of the library. Watching the displacement of first the library and potentially soon the post office upon the expiration of very long-term leases has been incredibly frustrating, and I don't want to see this repeated in the future. I'd also like to see FOPAL look ahead to economic conditions that may exist over the next decade--e.g., if we are on the skirts of the next economic downturn, what kinds of plans might need to be in place to leverage this, either in terms of timing of property acquisition or in terms of construction costs? Is OUSD open to a short-term lease extension to accommodate time for planning?

10/5/2019 11:20 PM

225 OPL are the best. I told hubs that I am always impressed with our helpful and knowledgeable librarians. They are truly superheroes and go the extra mile to find you THE book or dvd. We have always supported our libraries because they are an irreplaceable fixture in our communities

10/5/2019 10:34 PM

226 We love this library. The staff is extremely nice, competent, and they organize great activities. We usually combine the baby cafe on Saturdays with a visit to the elementary school playground. This is a great combination (running and reading) and an easy hang out for families with young kids.

10/5/2019 9:46 PM

227 It would be good for you to survey how people use the library and how they would like to use a library -- and to help people imagine modern uses of a library. Also, this survey is biased towards property owners, which I am not and likely never will be, so I'm perfectly happy to screw over greedy landlords with high parcel taxes that I'm protected from to some extent through rent control.

10/5/2019 4:44 PM

228 The old branch location at Piedmont and 41st was one of the best branch libraries in the city. The library needs to be back on - or very close to - the main commercial center of Piedmont Ave.

10/5/2019 12:14 AM

229 I love the library and use it for books for myself, my kids, and I use the computer and printing services. My kids go weekly, I go even more frequently

10/4/2019 8:49 PM

230 There is so much potential for a full-size, fully resourced library in this neighborhood. I know the librarians would be able to put on more programs for a wide variety of residents. I would love to have parking for the library.

10/4/2019 8:40 PM

231 Love being able to walk to and use this branch of the library. 10/4/2019 8:02 PM

232 My toddler granddaughter and I both cherish this library. The staff are all top notch. It's a treasure for the neighborhood.

10/4/2019 7:46 PM

233 I use the library 4–5 times per month. If we can't get a bigger library, better to still have one here anyway, and have patrons ask for materials to be sent to the PAL for pick up (what I do often when I hear an author interview on the radio, etc). My neighbors with kids walk them to the branch. Very important for the next generation and those without cars to have one so accessible. It's an important part of what makes this neighborhood so desirable. Also, there are so many schools in the area that are served by the Branch—Piedmont Ave Elementary, St. Leo's, Duck's Nest, etc.

10/4/2019 6:05 PM

234 I am a senior citizen. It is important to have a library branch nearby where librarians are available to help you.

10/4/2019 4:18 PM

235 It would be great to secure funding for a new building - I don't think that's incompatible with "move to another building on or near Piedmont Ave." But in the short term, renewing the lease seems to be a priority.

10/4/2019 1:46 PM

236 Library needs to do more outreach, social media, and PR. I NEVER hear anything about the Library and I'm interested in it. It's a real omission. Happy to volunteer my time to help out with this activity.

10/4/2019 1:30 PM

237 Current library is in an ideal location and while small, has a good selection. I have a toddler and we go to the library every week!

238 Mosswood park would be an ideal location 10/3/2019 5:13 PM

10/4/2019 11:57 AM

239 I live at 4287 Gilbert Street and love having a neighborhood branch. I frequently attend Baby Cafe and think it is a wonderful way for neighborhood families to connect with each other and to encourage reading among young children. I also notice how many elderly people use the library for assistance with computers and e-books. I think it is wonderful that the library provides this service. It would be great if the library was slightly bigger in size to accommodate a meeting room. This would allow for a more traditional story or music time, and provide some other services to different users.

10/4/2019 10:32 AM

239 More LGB material, please. 10/4/2019 10:30 AM

240 I feel less welcome in the Piedmont Branch Library than in the Rockridge Library. It seems very integrated into the elementary school.

10/4/2019 10:23 AM

241 I think the library system is important and this is the most convenient library for me, however there are many other branches close by and my use of the library is mostly just picking up books that I have reserved online. Also, most of my books need to be shipped to the Piedmont branch anyway because it is so small. I do think its a benefit for children, etc. however, I think for the full potential it needs to be bigger, and maybe could just join with one of the others that are close by.