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SIERRA MADRE AWARDED \$10 MILLION FOR LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS

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City Officials learned from Assembly Member Chris Holden's Office (41st Assembly), that his Office successfully advocated an award to the City of Sierra Madre Public Library for \$10 million.

In March of this year, Sierra Madre Mayor Gene Goss reached out to Assembly Member Holden's Office to request his assistance in obtaining State funding for Sierra Madre's Library for the purpose of making meaningful improvements to the existing facility. Those improvements involve: long-term building accessibility, seismic concerns, and increased space that includes an outdoor community area.

The Sierra Madre Friends of the Library supported the award of \$10 million, stating "The Sierra Madre Public Library building was built in 1955, and as such, has been pushed to its limits of both space and deferred repairs. While there have been numerous efforts to address these concerns, funding has been a predominant obstacle to achieving these goals."

Library Board Trustee Rich Proctor stated, the Trustees are thrilled and grateful for Assembly Member Holden's hard work in facilitating a grant that will help the Library realize its full potential as the heart and soul of the Sierra Madre community"

Said Mayor Goss, "the Library is one of our City's treasures. It has been in need of major renovation and expansion for many years. The grant is a complete game-changer and will help make renovations possible. I wish to thank Assembly Member Holden for his tireless efforts on behalf of our City. It is a wonderful way to start the 4th of July weekend."

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