

DRAFT LETTER TO PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTING FILLING VACANCIES

September 23, 2019

Ed Reiskin
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One Frank Ogawa Plaza
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Dear Mr. Reiskin,

The Library Advisory Commission (LAC), is writing to encourage you to prioritize filling **the roughly 28 vacant Public Works construction and maintenance worker positions (i.e. stationary engineers, carpenters, electricians, painters, janitors, etc.)** that play an important role in supporting and maintaining public facilities in Oakland. While we understand that these positions are not limited to serving libraries, filling these positions serve public facilities which include libraries.

Maintenance is Preservation

The LAC hears from across the system how library services are being challenged due to the lack of maintenance and care of our libraries. As the body which legally oversees Measure Q and the recently passed Measure D Bonds, it is our responsibility to ensure that the Oakland voters' financial commitment to libraries is being fully implemented. Future voter confidence in City services is compromised when deferred maintenance of library facilities leads to uncleanly, unwelcoming and dangerous conditions in those facilities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter; we look forward to meeting with you in the future to learn more about the current library maintenance plan and establishing baseline standards of maintenance for our public facilities.

Sincerely,

Viola Gonzales
Library Advisory Commission, Co-Chairs
Oakland Public Library

Nathaniel Dumas

cc: Sabrina Landreth, City Administrator