

Proposed Talking Points

- Libraries continue to be a key community asset that support education, public safety, and our economic recovery.
- 2023 was a big year for the Oakland Public Library (add a few of your favorite accomplishments here)
- Libraries continue to be a safe space for young people to do homework and hang out with their friends, a resource for connecting jobseekers with opportunities, and a partner for public school teachers across Oakland.
- As Council works on the mid-cycle revise, it is crucial that the library's Maintenance of Effort be protected. There is no natural disaster, recession or catastrophic change in government funding that would justify a fiscal emergency declaration and any attempt to reduce the Maintenance of Effort would betray the Council's promise to the voters when adopting Measure C.
- The library is also working on a variety of exciting capital projects- like upgrades to the main library this summer will enable it to serve as a cooling in future- as well as feasibility studies for the future of the Main Library, Piedmont Ave branch, and Hoover Durant.

*These points were drafted by Commissioner Caleb Smith for review and discussion by commission.*