



City of Santa Barbara
Library Department
Memorandum

DATE: October 15, 2012
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Library Board
SUBJECT: Proposed Historic Designation of the Central Library and Thirteen (13) Lemon Scented Gum Eucalyptus Trees

At its September 24, 2012 Board Meeting the Library Board considered the Historic Landmark Commission's recommendation to City Council that the Central Library, Faulkner Gallery and the thirteen (13) Lemon Scented Gum Eucalyptus (*Corymbia citriodora*) trees immediately adjacent to the Central Library be designated as Historic Landmarks.

The Board voted unanimously:

- 1) To support the Historic Landmark Commission's recommendation to designate the Central Library building as a Historic Landmark.
- 2) To oppose the Historic Landmark Commission's recommendation to designate the thirteen (13) Lemon Scented Gum Eucalyptus trees as Historic Landmarks.

The Library Plaza Project and the progress of the design phase has been discussed at several Library Board meetings. Board Chair Eric Friedman participated in the workshops and reported to the board on the progress of the design work. At the September 15, 2011 meeting he reported that the consensus at the second public workshop was to remove the eucalyptus trees directly in front of the Anapamu St. entrance and open up the space in the plaza.

At the October 13, 2011 meeting it was the board's consensus that the public space be maximized and that some trees be removed due to maintenance and safety issues and to accommodate the design. At the November 11, 2011 meeting the board discussed the design concepts developed by Campbell & Campbell and the impact the retention of the eucalyptus trees may have on them.

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