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State Awards \$1.3 Million for Marina Library Repairs

San Mateo, CA – State Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore Kevin Mullin joined City of San Mateo leaders outside the Marina Library where \$1.3 million in state funding will go toward providing critical structural repairs at the public facility that serves over 45,000 people every year.

As part of the state’s adopted budget, Mullin advocated for funding to help the City make these necessary repairs and presented a giant \$1.3 million check to leaders including Mayor Rick Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Diane Papan, City Manager Drew Corbett and City Librarian James Moore. The Marina Library has significant structural damage due to shifting of the building’s foundation, which was likely caused by seismic activity. Without these repairs, the building would otherwise most likely need to be razed within a few years. This state funding goes a significant way toward funding the \$5 million reconstruction project that will “shore up” the foundation and keep this 50-year old library open for the community it serves.

“Libraries are a vital and vibrant part of our local communities,” said Assembly Speaker pro Tem Kevin Mullin. “I’m so pleased that this state funding will help keep a treasured local asset open and available to all those who access the many services it provides.”



“Our City of San Mateo Marina Library serves as a vital community hub for so many families and we are incredibly grateful to Assemblyman Kevin Mullin for recognizing its value and advocating for this project in the State’s budget,” said San Mateo Mayor Rick Bonilla. “These funds will provide critical structural improvements and ensure our beloved library continues to support the many children and families who rely upon its educational programming and resources.”

Pictured left to right: Public Works Director Azalea Mitch, City Manager Drew Corbett, Deputy Mayor Diane Papan, Assemblyman Kevin Mullin, Mayor Rick Bonilla, City Librarian James Moore, and Library Board Member Liz De Winter.

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