

# Memorandum



DATE January 23, 2026

CITY OF DALLAS

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council

SUBJECT **Follow Up on Library Regional Model**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide follow-up information and address questions raised during the January 20, 2026, Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee (QoLAC) meeting regarding the proposed Library Regional Model.

In response to Committee feedback, the six community meetings originally scheduled for late January and early February will be postponed. This additional time will allow Library staff to reassess the recommendations before returning to QoLAC in March. The Library is also partnering with the Friends of the Dallas Public Library to conduct a community survey that will gather broader public input.

For the March presentation, staff will incorporate the following areas of feedback:

- Evaluation of the historical significance of library locations
- Analysis of proximity to other City facilities with related missions, including recreation, community, and cultural centers
- Expanded information on community access to libraries via public transportation, including a transportation overlay

In addition, staff will present options that maintain the projected \$2.6 million in budget savings, including:

- A revised Regional Model that preserves branch locations and creates flagship libraries
- An alternative scenario outlining the systemwide impact of reduced hours and days, without implementing the Regional Model and without branch closures

Preliminary information will be shared about the proposed reimaging of the Central Library.

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Thank you for the thoughtful feedback provided during the meeting. Library Director Manya Shorr and I remain available to meet with Council Members as needed. We recognize that this is the beginning of an important conversation, and we look forward to continued collaboration.

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