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# Board of Library Trustees

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**TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**DATE: MARCH 28, 2017**

**FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON MAIN LIBRARY PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION PROCESS**

## **ISSUES:**

Receive an update on architect selection process for the Main Library Project. This is a standing item.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Board of Library Trustees receive an update on architect selection process for the Main Library Project.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On February 23, 2016, following discussion, the City Council unanimously selected 3911 University Avenue as the location for the new Main Library and directed the City Manager to determine funding options and begin planning the new Main Library.

On July 20, 2016, a Request for Qualifications was issued for the development of the new Main Library. Twenty-one firms responded.

In order to identify the most qualified firm, a Project Review Committee (Committee) was selected to evaluate all responsive Statement of Qualifications based on the criteria set in the RFQ. The Committee includes Library Trustee Dwight Tate, Library Director Tonya Kennon, Assistant Library Director Erin Christmas, Library Administrative Services Manager George Guzman, Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development Emilio Ramirez, General Services Project Manager Jorge Villanueva, Community and Economic Development Senior Planner David Murray, Community and Economic Development Project Manager Kaitlyn Nguyen, and local businessman Vincent McCoy. The Committee immediately began reviewing and scoring proposals.

On September 15, 2016, the Committee met to review scoring results. After reviewing scores, the Committee agreed to invite the top eight architect teams to submit Requests for Proposals.

On November 10, 2016, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued to the top eight firms. Proposals were due on November 28, 2016, with seven firms responding. The Committee

immediately began reviewing and scoring proposals.

On December 14, 2016, the Committee met to review scoring results. After reviewing scores, the Committee agreed to invite the top four architect teams to advance to interviews. The four firms included:

1. Group 4, San Francisco, California
2. Johnson Favaro, Culver City, California
3. Lorcan O’Herlihy Architects, Los Angeles, California
4. OMA Partner, New York, New York

### **DISCUSSION:**

On March 2, 2017, the Committee interviewed the top four architect teams. Following interviews, Committee scores revealed Johnson Favaro as the top firm. Staff submitted this recommendation to the City Manager for his consideration approval.

The next step is for staff to negotiate an agreement with Johnson Favaro followed by submission to the City Council for approval to contract for architectural services for the new Main Library.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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