

## Varsh, Tess

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**From:** City Web  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 5:39 PM  
**To:** Reyes, David; Garzon, Julia; Paige, Jennifer; White, Leon  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Planning Commission on March 24, 2021 about Agenda Item 3A

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<b>Comments</b>	<p>Pasadena Heritage will keep comments focused on the two library projects proposed. We are here tonight only to say that both libraries are historic and beloved historic structures in Pasadena, and that the work done must be preservation sensitive. Utmost importance must be paid to Central Library in particular, and we hope that a reputable preservation consultant is board onboard to oversee the project to ensure protection of the building. The work proposed is important and necessary but it must be done correctly. Thank you for hearing our brief concerns.</p>
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<b>I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting.</b>	Yes
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 3:51 PM  
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<b>Meeting Date</b>	March 24, 2021
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<b>Name</b>	Jonathan Pacheco Bell
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<b>Comments</b>	<p>My name is Jonathan Pacheco Bell. I serve as Public Library Commissioner for Pasadena District 5. This comment is regarding Item #3 on your agenda. I write to SUPPORT the inclusion of the Central Library Restoration project in the Capital Improvement Program FY 2022-2026.</p> <p>As we move toward safely reopening Pasadena libraries in the pandemic, upgrades to our facilities ensure the safe delivery of vital information services in our community. Indeed, the Pasadena Central Library building merits retrofitting. Designed by acclaimed architect Myron Hunt, Pasadena Central Library is a significant historic, cultural, and information resource for community members. In these tumultuous times, Pasadena Central Library is a resiliency center for the city. Central Library is a knowledge and education space. Central Library is a community center. Central Library is a public space open to all. The library offers shade in the summer, warmth in the winter. The library is a space of equity and inclusion. Everyone is welcome. We can enhance the community's experience by ensuring the library is retrofitted for everyone's safety.</p>
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Central Library turns 100 in a few years. Let's ensure our library is preserved for another century for future Pasadenans. SUPPORT Central Library Restoration. Thank you.

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Yes