



City Center Project/Laguna Niguel Library Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Is the Laguna Niguel Library a City or County facility?

The Laguna Niguel Library is owned and operated by the County of Orange. The Library is one of 33 branches composing the “OC Public Libraries” system.

Does the proposed City Center Mixed-Use Project include any changes to the Laguna Niguel Library?

Yes. The proposed City Center Mixed-Use Project (Project) includes plans to construct a new state-of-the-art library facility to replace the existing library originally constructed in the mid-1980s and remodeled in 2011. The new Laguna Niguel library would be centrally located within the Project next to shops, restaurants, and highly amenitized open space areas. Parking accommodations include surface and structure parking spaces, including conveniently located spaces and drop-off specific for the library.

If the City Center Project were to proceed, could project construction be phased to eliminate the need for an interim library facility?

The proposed Project design includes site-wide grading and development as one comprehensive phase and would therefore necessitate utilization of an interim library solution.

Would the new Laguna Niguel Library include the same resources and programming as the current library?

The design and programming for a new Laguna Niguel Library are currently under consideration by the County of Orange. The County’s goal for development of a new library is to accommodate the current and anticipated future library-related needs of the community through provision of a state-of-the-art library facility.

Will the Laguna Niguel Friends of the Library have a space to work and to sell books at the interim library and the new library?

Yes, the Laguna Niguel Friends of the Library will have a space to work and continue to sell books in both the interim library and new library.

What has the County done to ensure that a new Laguna Niguel Library would meet the needs of the community?

The County solicited feedback from City representatives, County Library staff, Laguna Niguel Friends of the Library representatives, and other community stakeholders. Broader community views were collected through a community-wide library use and needs assessment survey. The compiled feedback assisted the County Library staff in designing and programming the new library design in collaboration with the development team and their architect, LPA (architect for City Hall and the recently completed Crown Valley Community Park renovation).



How would construction of a new Laguna Niguel Library be funded?

All library construction and on-going building maintenance costs would be *paid by the developers* of the proposed Project. This arrangement would result in significant on-going operational savings for the Orange County Public Libraries system.

Would a new Laguna Niguel Library include adequate parking?

Yes, the Project, including new library, will meet or exceed City parking requirements.

Has the City of Laguna Niguel taken action to approve any portion of the proposed City Center Project?

The City of Laguna Niguel has *not* taken action to approve any portion of the proposed Project. The Project requires consideration at a public hearing by Planning Commission (advisory board) and approval at a public hearing by the City Council (decision-making authority). It is anticipated that these public hearing meetings would occur in the Spring/Summer 2022, however, they have not yet been scheduled.

How do I provide input to the County of Orange regarding a new Laguna Niguel Library?

Comments/questions can be submitted to:

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