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Editor:

The SCV Committee on Aging Corporation Board of Directors is pleased to add its support of the proposed new library slated for the downtown Newhall area. For eighteen years our board has embraced a vision first presented to us by Councilwoman Laurene Weste when she first picked up a mantle of leadership that addressed the concerns of our senior citizens. The Newhall area has perhaps the largest concentration of our senior population in the Santa Clarita Valley. With that in mind, our vision of a “walking community” was born with an eye to the needs of refinement in the Newhall area that would enhance the “elder-friendliness” for thousands of our patrons close to home here at our Senior Center. Today, we are ecstatic with the Downtown Newhall Specific Plan that includes the proposed new library in a prominent location.

From an operational point of view, the new library will be an immediate success for our seniors. The library will be an anchor to the concept of a walking community and provide yet another community resource where our seniors can meet, gather, and interact with younger members of our community that cherish the ambience that is unique to the feel of visiting a library. With the new community resource, our programs at the Senior Center will further enfranchise the life-long learning that comes with book clubs, new technology, large print materials, and a venue where our seniors’ talents can be appreciated by all.

Our patrons have a wide and varied spectrum of interests that can be explored in a modern library, and in this day and age, know better than anyone else, the difference between holding knowledge in their hands as opposed to reading it on a computer screen. A good book is a dear friend. Perhaps our elders can imbue this special feeling in the youngsters sitting next to them when the library opens its doors.

Full steam ahead!

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