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PRESS RELEASE

Walnut Creek Library Foundation Raises \$4.2 million to Date

The Walnut Creek Library Foundation announced April 15 it has raised \$4.2 million toward the capital construction of our new Walnut Creek Library. Foundation president Ed Del Beccaro told the City Council the Foundation will meet the \$5 million goal promised to the city. "We have strong prospects for an additional \$1.5 million in foundation grants and anticipate raising up to \$7.5 million for the capital campaign." He added that the outpouring of donations so far is testimony to the support of a library that will meet the community's needs.

In January 2007, when the City Council voted to move forward with the new downtown library project, the Walnut Creek Library Foundation made a commitment to raise private funds to assist with the building of the new library. In the last 12 months they have raised \$4.2 million in pledges, donations and grants from the Leshner Foundation, John Muir Health, Thomas J. Long Foundation, J.M. Long Foundation as well as other groups and individuals. The amount also included more than \$1 million raised with 100% participation from the Foundation's Board of Directors, City Council members, and Senior Staff.

The public phase of the campaign will begin in September, 2008 and will involve the entire community, with the goal of obtaining a wide range of donations from individuals, families, schools and a variety of organizations in Walnut Creek.

Illustrations and a virtual tour of the new library are on their website: <http://www.newwclibrary.org/>.

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