**Comment Submitted to PCA on June 8, 2011 by Garrett Keating**

The option to build a library has been looked at by the City of Piedmont and I think the cost estimate was $4M to build/stock/staff. If built, staffing of a Piedmont library would certainly be undertaken by volunteers and could probably be established to operate only under that condition. The City could undertake this effort but I think that would require a sustained effort by future Councils and a ballot initiative would be needed to give Council that direction. Alternatively, would Oakland accept a volunteer library established in the classroom wing of the 801 Bldg as a legitimate public library that would entitle Piedmont to sharing privileges? I think Piedmont would still be charged by Oakland but that amount be substantially less than the approx. $500K that is being discussed. Under this scenario, Piedmont would have to make a substantial commitment to buying books and setting up a library but if a volunteer association undertook this effort it might suffice. Is there a a “Friends of Piedmont Library” out there that could take this on?