

**Monterey County Board of Supervisors
Referral Submittal Form**

Referral No. 2026.15
Assignment Date: 07/07/26
(Completed by CAO's Office)

SUBMITTAL - Completed by referring Board office and returned to CAO no later than 10:00AM on Wednesday prior to Board meeting:

Date: 06/30/2026	Submitted By: Supervisor Lopez	District #: 3
Referral Title: Greenfield Branch Library Pilot Program: Youth Snack Access and Behavioral Data Tracking		
Referral Purpose: Direct Monterey County Free Libraries (MCFL), in coordination with the Health Department and/or the Food Bank for Monterey County, to evaluate establishing a pilot program at the Greenfield Branch Library offering non-perishable snacks to youth patrons, and to compile and track available data on youth behavioral incidents at the branch to assess outcomes.		
Brief Referral Description (attach additional sheet as required): In response to recent violence and data points pointing to youth violence in the 93927 zip code, and after consulting community partners about unique strategies to ameliorate the collective trauma of these events, I request that MCFL, in partnership with the Health Department and/or the Food Bank for Monterey County, explore creating a pilot program at the Greenfield Branch Library to informally provide non-perishable snacks to youth patrons during regular operating hours. The Food Bank for Monterey County already operates youth-focused food access efforts, including its Kids N.O.W. program and mobile produce distributions at schools and libraries, and could be a natural partner for this pilot, subject to capacity and program design discussions. As part of the pilot, request that MCFL identify and provide any existing aggregate, non-identifying data on youth behavioral incidents at the Greenfield Branch (e.g., security or incident logs, to the extent such records exist), and begin tracking comparable data prospectively for the duration of the pilot. The intent is to assess whether expanded snack access corresponds with a change in behavioral incidents involving youth patrons, an approach informed by public health research linking childhood food insecurity to impulsivity and behavioral outcomes. Should the pilot show positive outcomes and partnership feasibility, request that staff identify a path to expand the program to additional MCFL branches in District 3 and, potentially, countywide.		
Classification - Implication		Mode of Response
☐ Ministerial / Minor ☐ Land Use Policy ☒ X Social Policy ☐ Budget Policy ☐ Other: _____		☐ Memo ☒ X Board Report ☐ Presentation
		Requested Response Timeline
		☐ 2 weeks ☐ 1 month ☒ X 6 weeks ☐ Status reports until completed ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Specific Date: _____

ASSIGNMENT – Provided by CAO at Board Meeting. Copied to Board Offices and Department Head(s) Completed by CAO's Office:

Department(s): Library & Health Department	Referral Lead: Hillary Theyer & Elsa Jimenez	Board Date: 07/07/26
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REASSIGNMENT – Provided by CAO. Copied to Board Offices and Department Head(s). Completed by CAO's Office:

Department(s):	Referral Lead:	Date:
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ANALYSIS - Completed by Department and copied to Board Offices and CAO:

Department analysis of resources required/impact on existing department priorities to complete referral:	
Analysis Completed By:	Department's Recommended Response Timeline

_____ Date: _____	☐ By requested date ☐ 2 weeks ☐ 1 month ☐ 6 weeks ☐ 6 months ☐ 1 year ☐ Other/Specific Date: _____
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REFERRAL RESPONSE/COMPLETION - Provided by Department to Board Offices and CAO:		
Referral Response Date:	Board Item No.:	Referrals List Deletion:

Note: Please cc Claudia Escalante and Karina Bokanovich on all CAO correspondence relating to referrals.