
SB 707: Brown Act Updates

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Brown Act was revised with SB 707 (2025)

- Remote Meeting Options
- Exploring Optional Translation Rules
 - Website translation
 - Board agenda translation
 - Space and time for translators
 - Posting additional translations

Remote Meeting Options

Recommended for Policy

- **Hybrid meeting option** (exists)
- **Accommodations for Disability**
- **Remote Participation for Just Cause**
 - caregiving, illness, official travel, etc.
 - 2x/year
- **Multijurisdictional body/Remote meetings**
 - 20 miles from public meeting location
 - 2x/year

Not Recommended for Policy

- **Subsidiary bodies**

Next Steps

Recommendation: Executive Committee recommends including options for hybrid meetings, accommodations for disabilities, remote participation for a just cause, multijurisdictional remote meetings to SVCE's hybrid meeting policy.

Next Step: Staff will prepare revisions for Board consideration

Questions?

Board Input on Timing for Community Space

January 23, 2026



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with recommendations for FY27/28
budget for the community space**



SVCE HQ Project Key Updates

- Phase 1 – Office Space and Board Chambers
 - Office Space – submitted second round of comment responses 1/22/26
 - Beals Martin and Associates contract executed, kick-off 1/22/26
 - Sunnyvale approved change of use for Board Chamber at Zoning Admin. Hearing 12/10/25
- Phase 2 – Community Space TBD – discuss today



Budget Breakdown

Items	Budgeted
Building purchase	\$11.7M
Construction (w/10% contingency)	\$7.2M
Furniture, AV, Security	\$750K*
Architect	\$600K
Project Manager & consultants	\$250K
Elevator & Repairs	\$542K
Permit & Fees	\$88K
Total Estimated Cost	\$21.1M
Total Board Allocation	\$26.15M
Remaining	\$5.05M

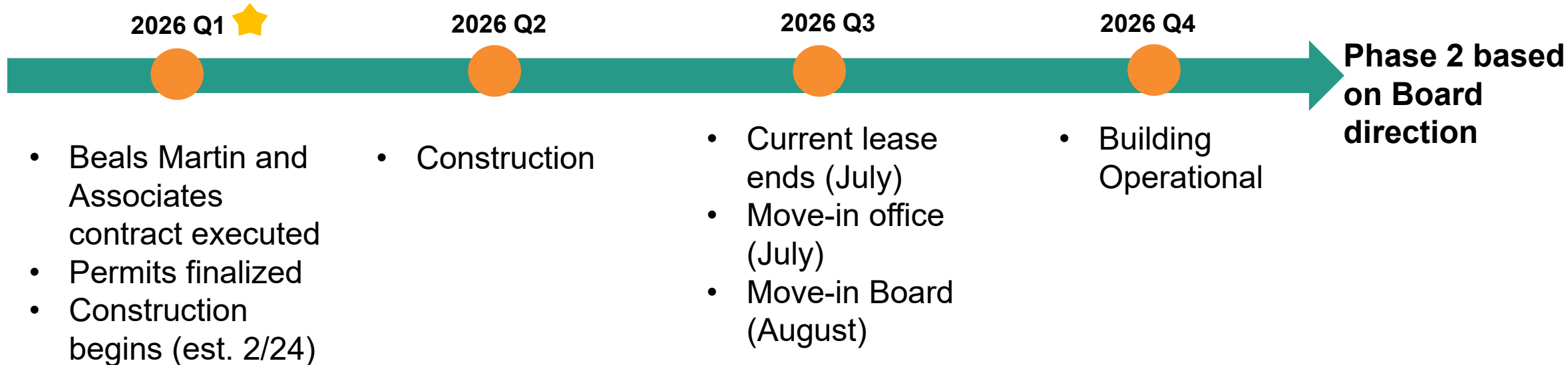
NOTE:

- 1) **\$5.5M was added to the budget in December 2025 in anticipation of higher construction costs**
- 2) **Construction costs came in >\$1M lower than our estimates**



Updated Headquarters Timeline (Subject to Change)

Outline of the building's next steps





Phase 2 - Options

- Option 1: Staff brings recommendations for fiscal year 2026/2027
- Option 2: Staff brings recommendations for fiscal year 2027/2028

Staff recommendation: Option 2, as this would allow staff to assess building usage post move-in, conduct a market study, budget analysis, and community needs assessment





Examples of concepts discussed in May 2025 BOD workshop

Examples	Considerations and Required Steps
Reservable Community Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires a different permit• Requires an updated parking permit• HQ will need to be accessible outside typical work hours• Will need dedicated staff with possible weekend hours
All-Electric Demonstration Kitchen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many member agencies have existing induction cooktop trainings• Kitchen may not be in use for the majority of time• Will need dedicated staff
Contractor Training Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires a different permit• Requires an updated parking permit• Will need separate design considerations• Will need dedicated staff



Phase 2 Next Steps

Based on today's direction:

- Staff will develop timeline for phase two concept proposal
- Still will conduct market analysis and additional outreach
- Develop cost estimates
- Return to EC with proposal

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Appendix



Community Space





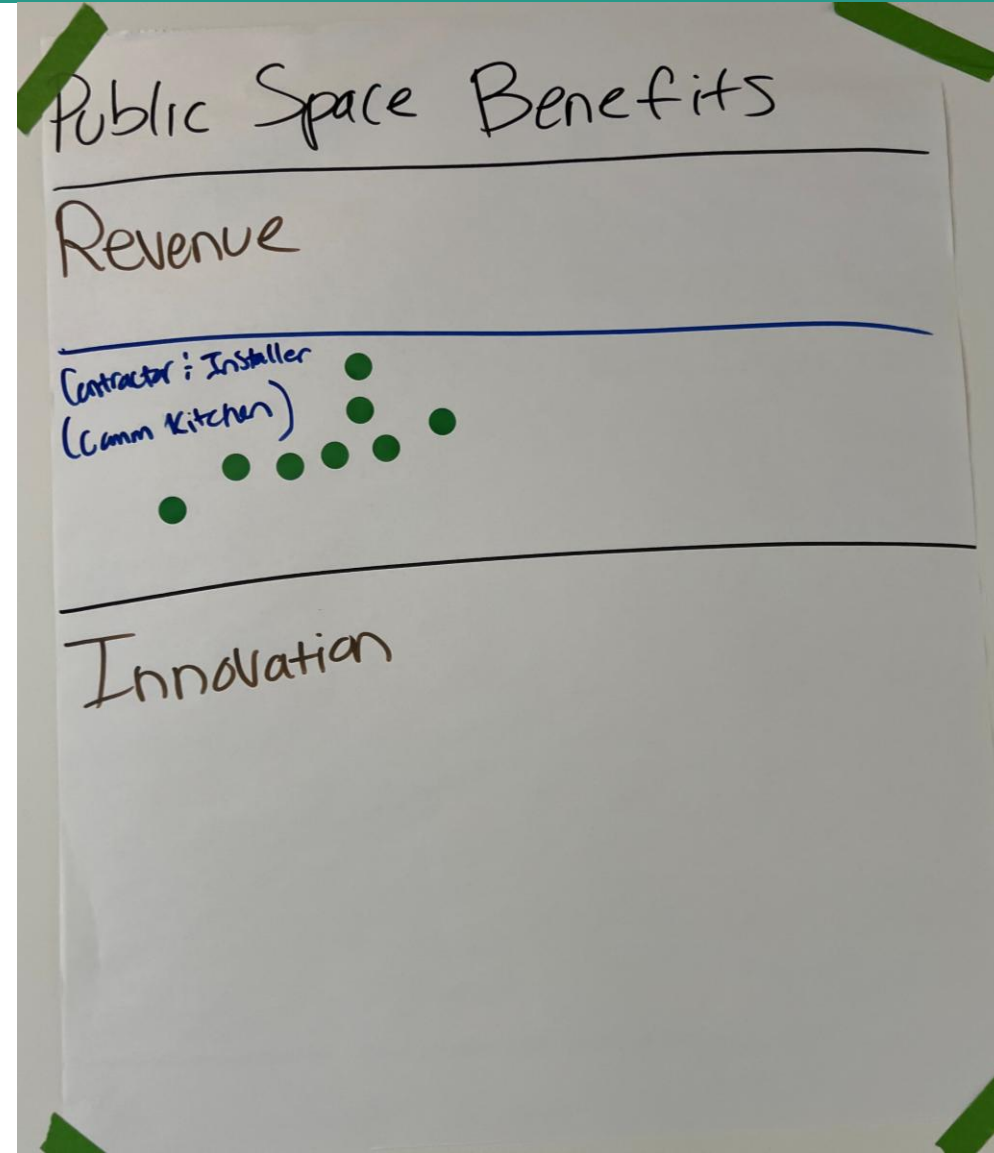
The Board & public provided initial feedback on the community space from the 5/14 workshop

- 1. Electrification workforce resources, education, engagement**
 - Create a space to learn about all-electric appliances, conduct workforce training, and other events that engage the electrification ecosystem –could include all-electric demo kitchen.
- 2. Electrification education for the public**
 - Integrate electrification education into the space in a way that entertains and engages.
- 3. Public engagement, integration, and entertainment**
 - Develop the space so that members of the public regularly frequent the space for other purposes and it feels like an extension of the community.



Themes that arose during the workshop

- The community space functions should advance decarbonization.
- Space should welcome the public and provide entertaining engagement.
- Consider a commercial kitchen or other feature that engages multiple audiences.
- Revenue and cost recovery lower priority.





Findings from Round 1

- Conducted colored dot exercise where participants ranked community space benefits from “essential” to “not important”
- Contractor, Retailers, Workforce Education; Public Electrification Education; and Public Engagement ranked as “essential” and “important” most often
- Revenue and cost recovery marked mostly as “not important” most often

Community Benefits	Green (Essential)	Yellow (Important)	Blue (Nice-to-have)	Red (Not important)
Revenue	0	0	0	14
Contractor, Retailers, Workforce Education	8	9	4	0
Innovation	1	9	3	1
Community Organization	4	5	11	1
Public Electrification Education	12	2	3	0
Bill & Energy Education	1	8	3	3
Public Engagement & Integration	9	3	3	1
Cost Recovery	1	0	4	11

Numbers represent the colored dots received



Findings from Round 2

- R2 confirmed and refined the identified benefits from R1 which was: Contractor, Retailers, Workforce Education; Public Electrification Education; and Public Engagement.
- Remaining themes can be considered, but the top 3 will be prioritized.

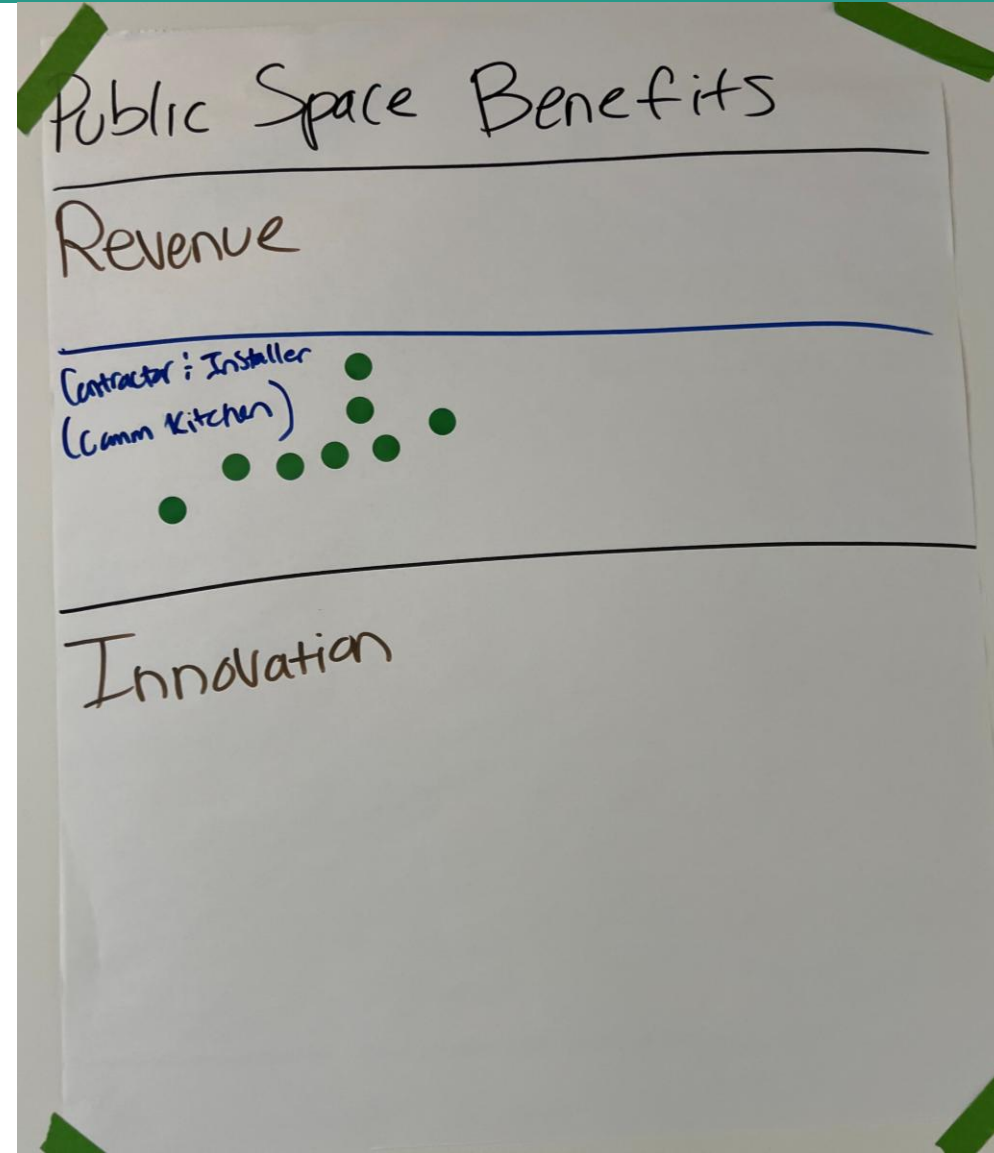
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Summary of Key Takeaways

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