

# 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

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# Questions?

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# Board Input on Timing for Community Space

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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
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$21.1M</b>
<b>Total Board Allocation</b>	<b>\$26.15M</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>\$5.05M</b>

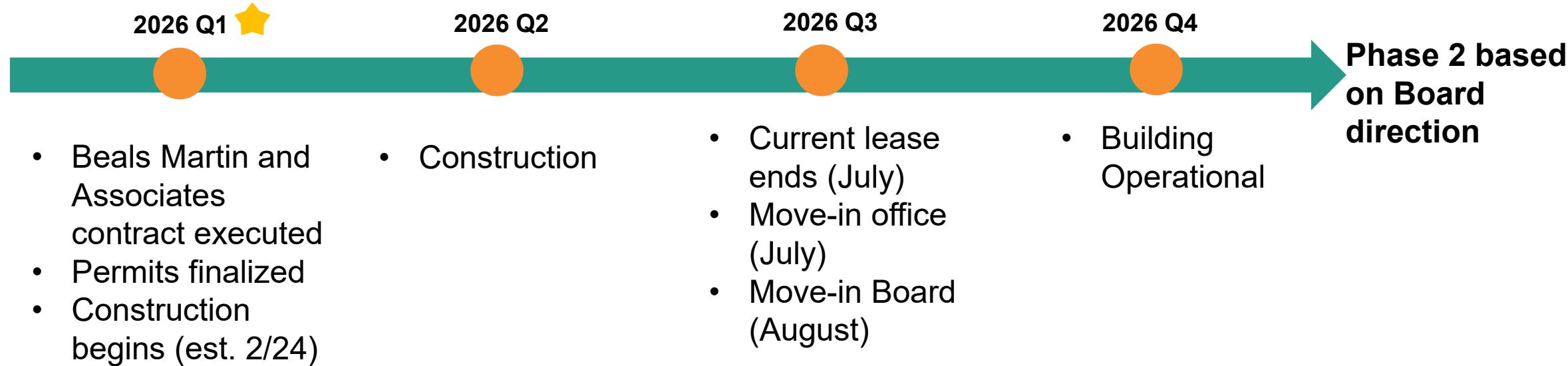
**NOTE:**

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



# 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.

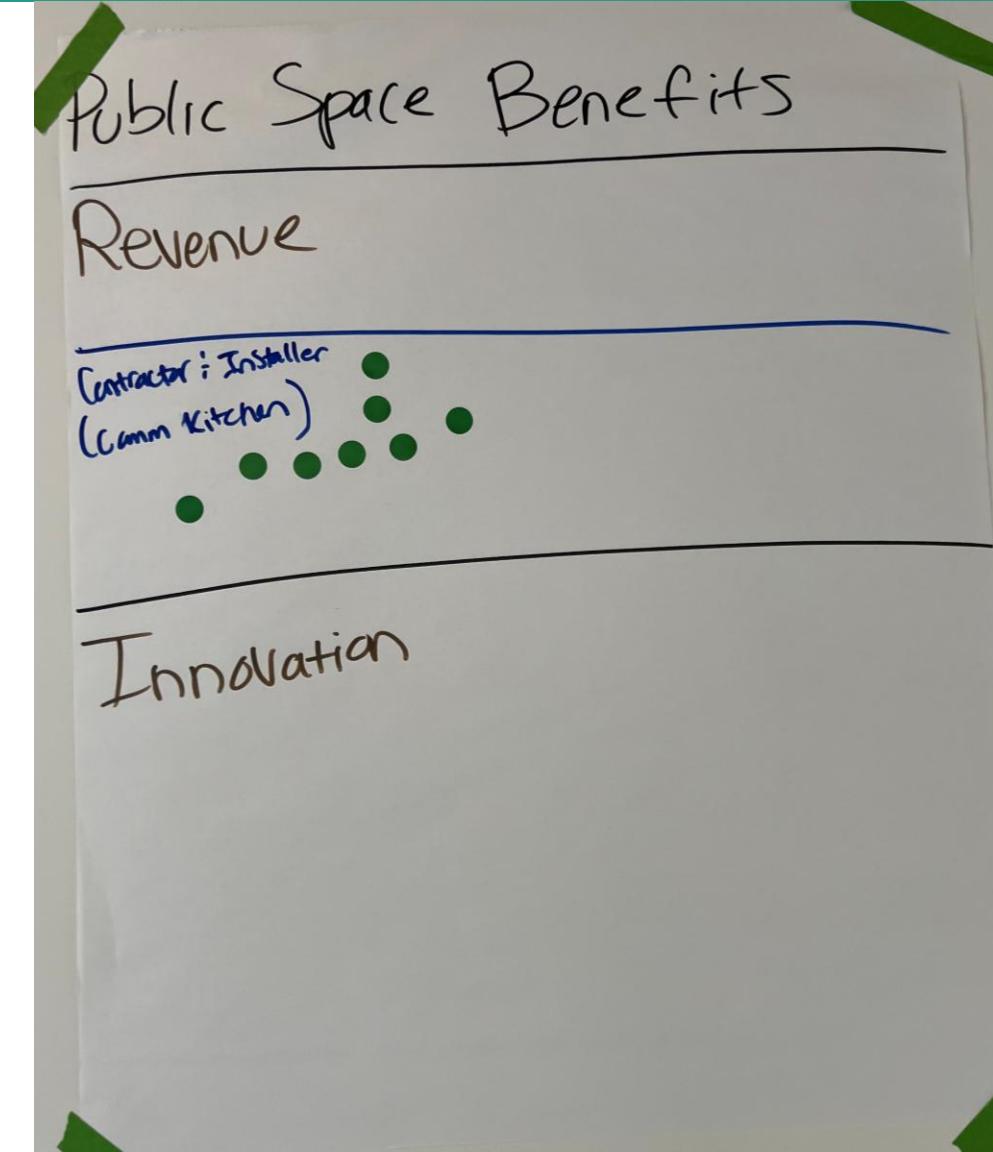
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# Summary of Key Takeaways

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