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Livermore City Council gives Quest Science Center OK to move forward

The effort to build a science center in downtown Livermore has taken another major step following the City Council's approval of a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) Monday evening (Feb. 10).

The DDA establishes the terms under which [Quest Science Center](#) may develop an approximately 18,000-square-foot facility, to be located in Stockmen's Park in downtown Livermore.

The DDA is the standard process under which a city contracts with a developer for sale/lease and development of city-owned property. The City Council's action completes the negotiating rights period between the Quest board of directors and the city, which started in June 2018.

"The formal City Council approval of the science center project plan is crucial for our new nonprofit Quest organization to credibly move forward and develop relationships with regional educators and industry," said Monya Lane, Quest CEO. "This allows us to deliver on the opportunity for innovative, informal education to allow people of all ages and backgrounds to explore the science and technology in our everyday lives."

The DDA's schedule of performance allows Quest to proceed with construction after specific milestones have been achieved, including completion of the L Street Parking Garage, execution of a lease agreement, and a minimum of 50 percent funding in-hand for construction and first-year operation.

Quest is required to obtain project entitlements through the site plan and design review approval process, including a subsequent City Council review. The intent of the science center is to activate Stockmen's Park and the downtown area through a range of activities throughout the course of the year.

The Quest board of directors recently hung a banner announcing an area of Stockmen's Park as the future home of the science center.



Quest invites participants of all ages to learn by doing as they discover how science works. Since 2018 the Quest team has been piloting interactive science experiences that encourage people to question, understand and explore science and technology – hence the name Quest. Though the actual science center will take some time to build – it is planned to be open by the end of 2024 – Quest team members continue to develop and pilot programs and participate in a number of [events](#) including the Livermore Innovation Fair and Las Positas Earth Day, around the region.

For more information on Quest and its events, see the [website](#).

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