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April 21, 2026

The Honorable Katy Yaroslavsky, Chair
City Council Budget and Finance Committee
c/o Armando Bencomo, Office of the City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

Dear Councilmember Yaroslavsky:

The Los Angeles Public Library's (LAPL) proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget reinforces our core mission to enrich, educate, and empower our diverse communities. As a trusted, visible arm of government, LAPL welcomes everyone, providing essential programs, services, and resources—from giving adults a second chance at a high school diploma through Career Online High School to expanding the Library Experience Office with social workers and mental health providers to address critical gaps in public services. This budget strategically aligns with the Mayor's priority outcomes, funding commitments across digital inclusion, workforce development, and cultural enrichment, while also continuing to prioritize emergency response efforts following the 2025 Palisades wildfire and celebrating Central Library's 100th anniversary.

LAPL has secured its position as the top library system in the world in circulating e-books, audiobooks, and digital magazines in 2025. This achievement highlights the Library's robust digital services and its commitment to meeting the growing demand for flexible, on-demand access to online content.

In alignment with the Mayor's commitment to supporting the local film industry, LAPL has updated its filming procedures to encourage production at both branch libraries and the historic Central Library. On March 1, 2026, Central Library officially reopened for interior filming for the first time in two decades.

Following the loss of the Palisades Branch in the January 2025 wildfire, a temporary library is now open, restoring essential services like books, Wi-Fi, and programs to aid in community recovery and rebuild normalcy. Selection of an architectural firm for rebuilding a permanent library is also in progress. Meanwhile, the long-stalled renovation of the Benjamin Franklin Branch in Boyle Heights is underway.

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The Mayor's proposed budget ensures the continuity of dynamic programs that support Angelenos at every stage of life. For our youngest residents, the Read, Baby, Read! program encourages lifelong learning from birth by distributing early literacy materials and library cards. The Student Success Card provides all LAUSD students with free access to online tutoring, homework help, and digital resources, while robust STEAM programs and Teens Leading Change projects foster curiosity and civic engagement. For adults, this funding sustains the free, accredited Career Online High School (COHS) program, the Adult Literacy program, and the New Americans Initiative, which serves as a vital gateway to citizenship and immigrant integration.

As directed by Measure L, the proposed budget contains funds for LAPL to reimburse the General Fund \$101 million for both direct costs (utilities, custodial services, building maintenance, refuse collection, sidewalk repairs, security services, etc.) and indirect costs (retirement, fringe benefits, and central services). For Fiscal Year 2026-27, these related costs comprise 36.32% of the Library's budget. Knowing that other city departments face significant budget challenges, LAPL is mindful of potential impacts on service delivery.

In accordance with the Budget and Finance Committee's request, a current organization chart is included. The chart provides comprehensive details on which programs, operations, and personnel are handled within each division to support accessibility and transparency of the budget process. Additionally, LAPL does not have a requested restoration of a service or program, nor is there a request for a budget revision.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact me or Assistant City Librarian Susan Broman at (213) 228-7515.

Thank you for your support of the Los Angeles Public Library. It is an honor and privilege to lead this organization and serve the people of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

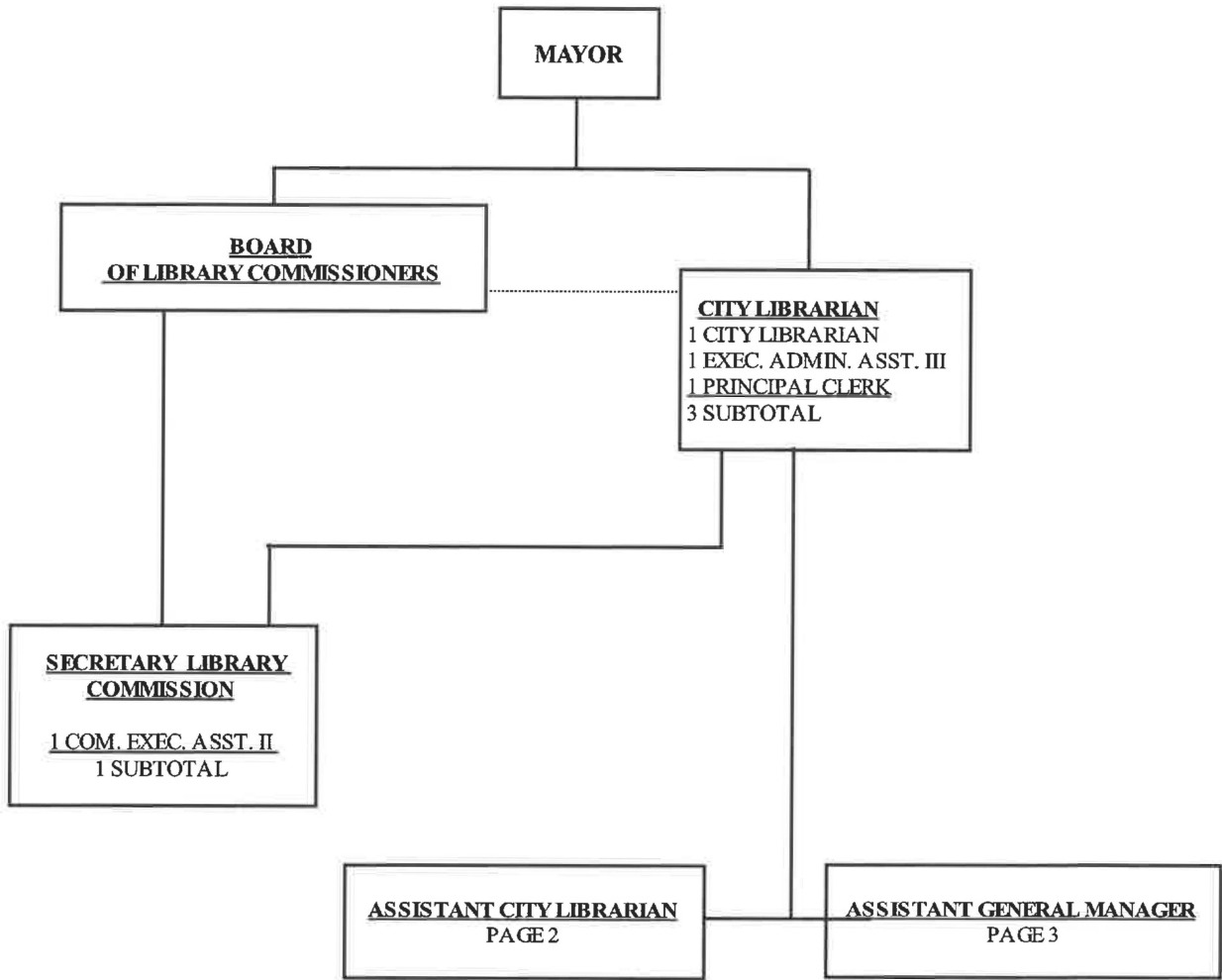


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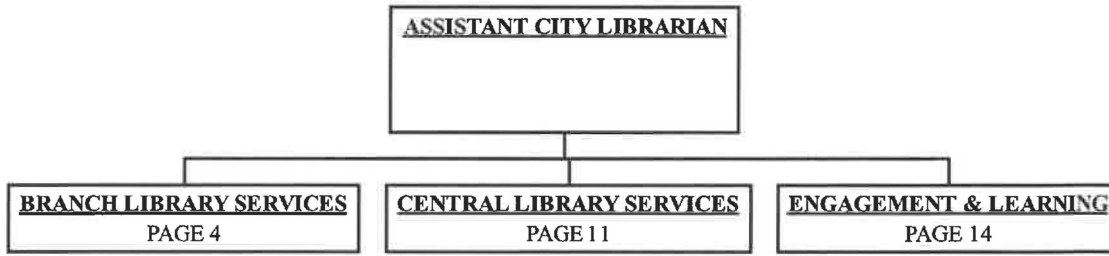
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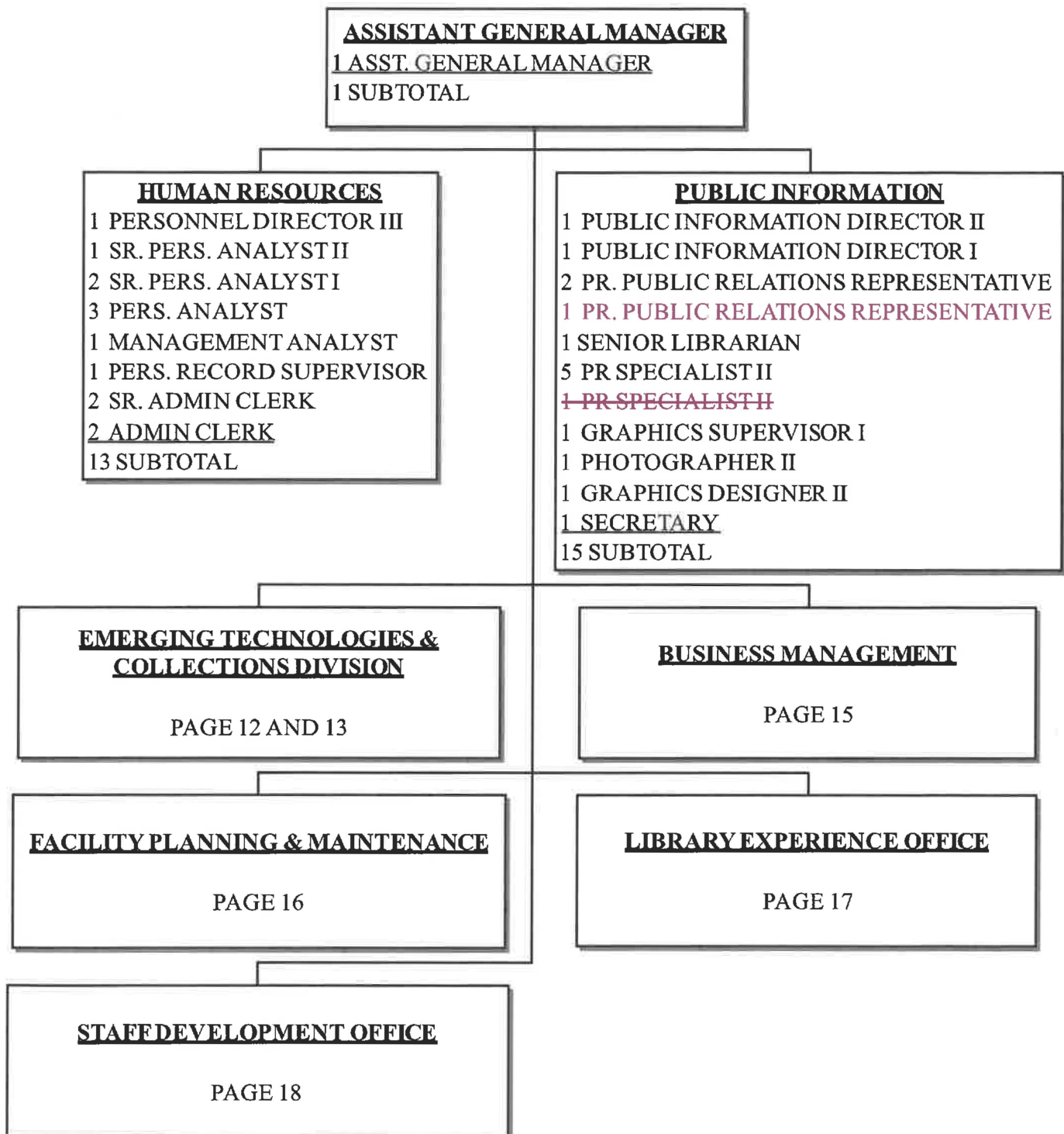
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LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
 PROPOSED ORGANIZATION
 CHART
 2026/2027



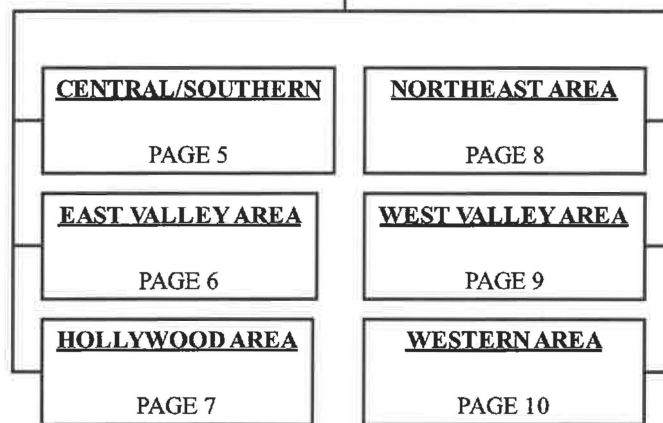
NOTE: All positions are full-time unless otherwise noted

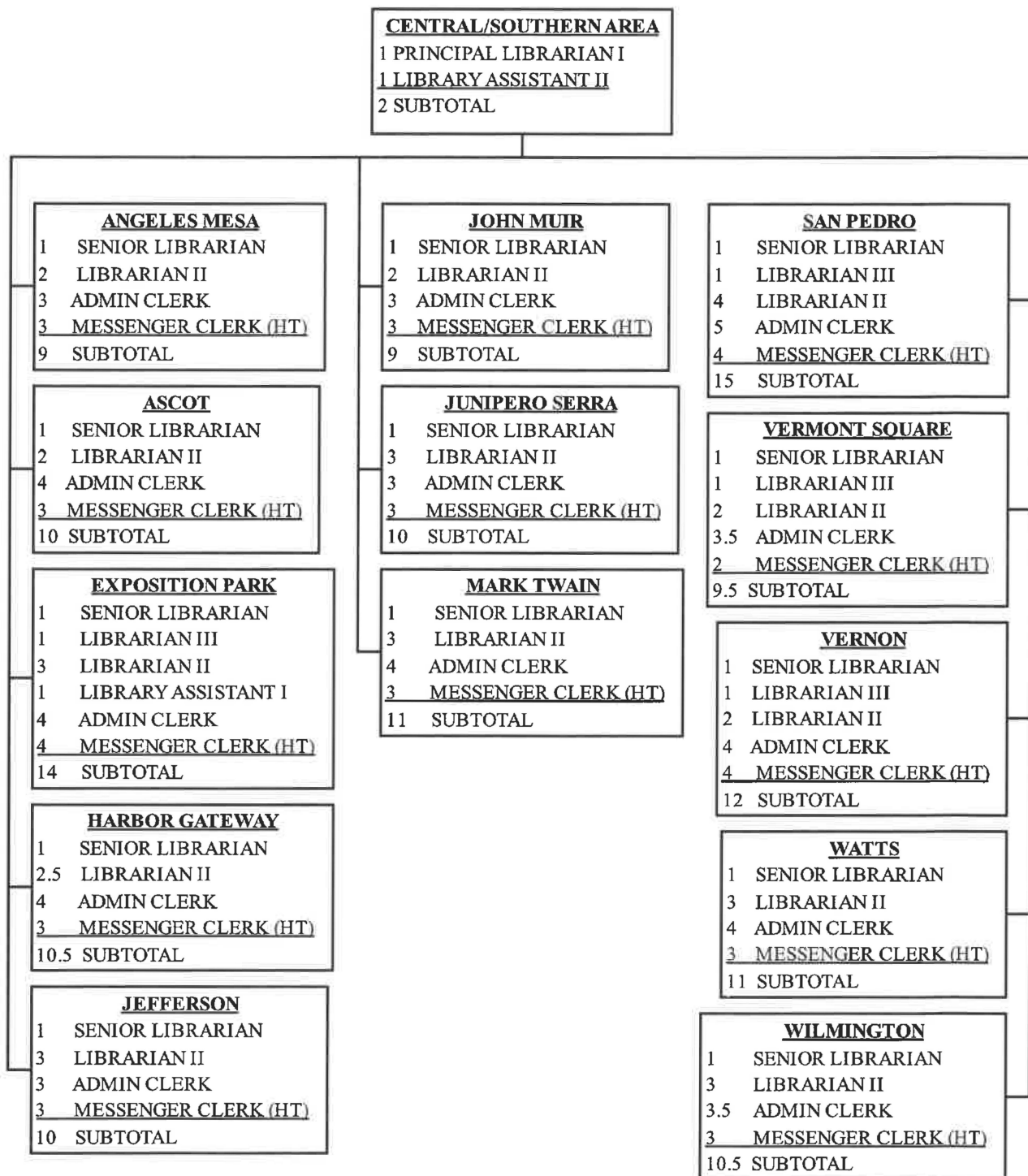


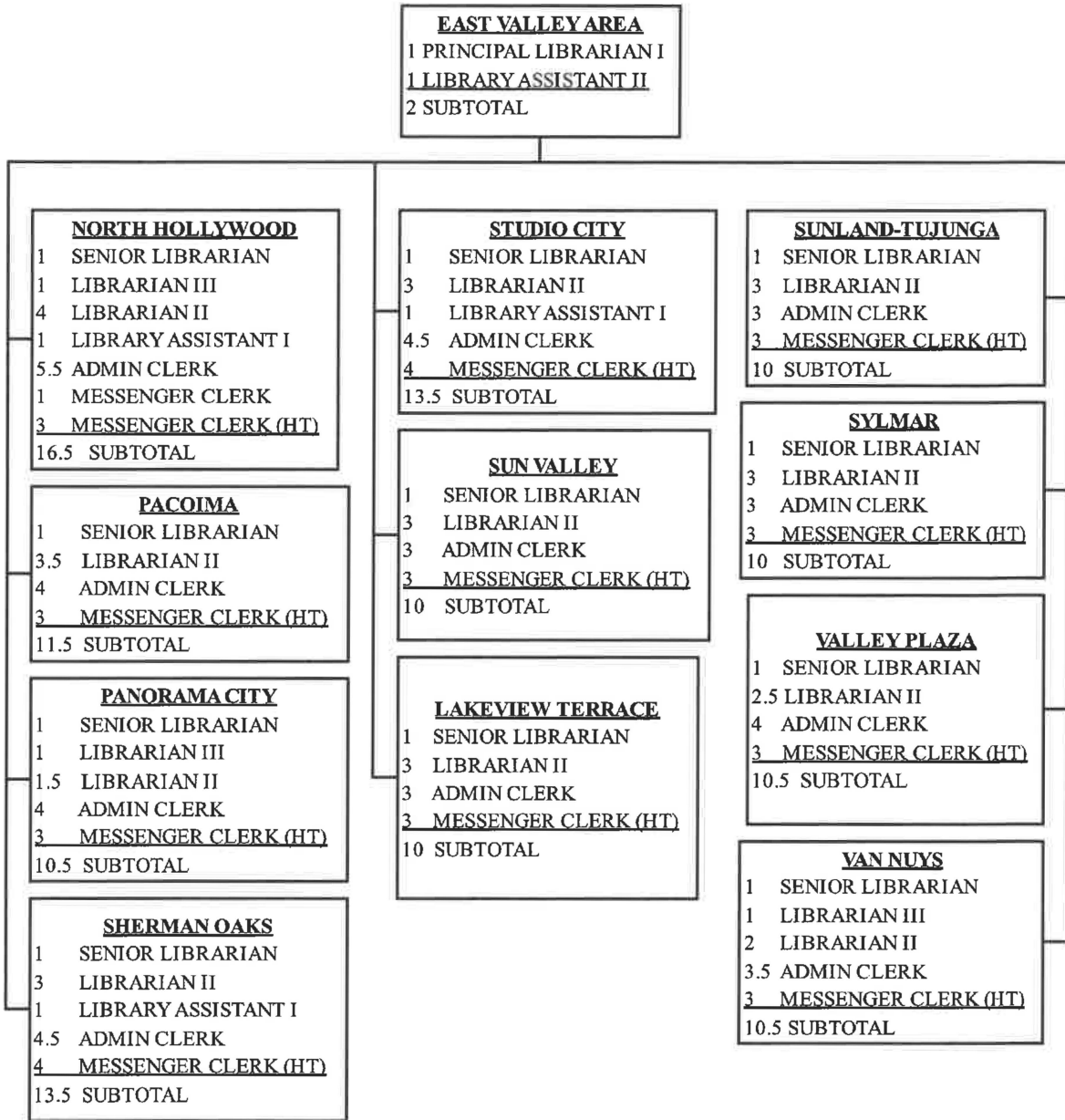


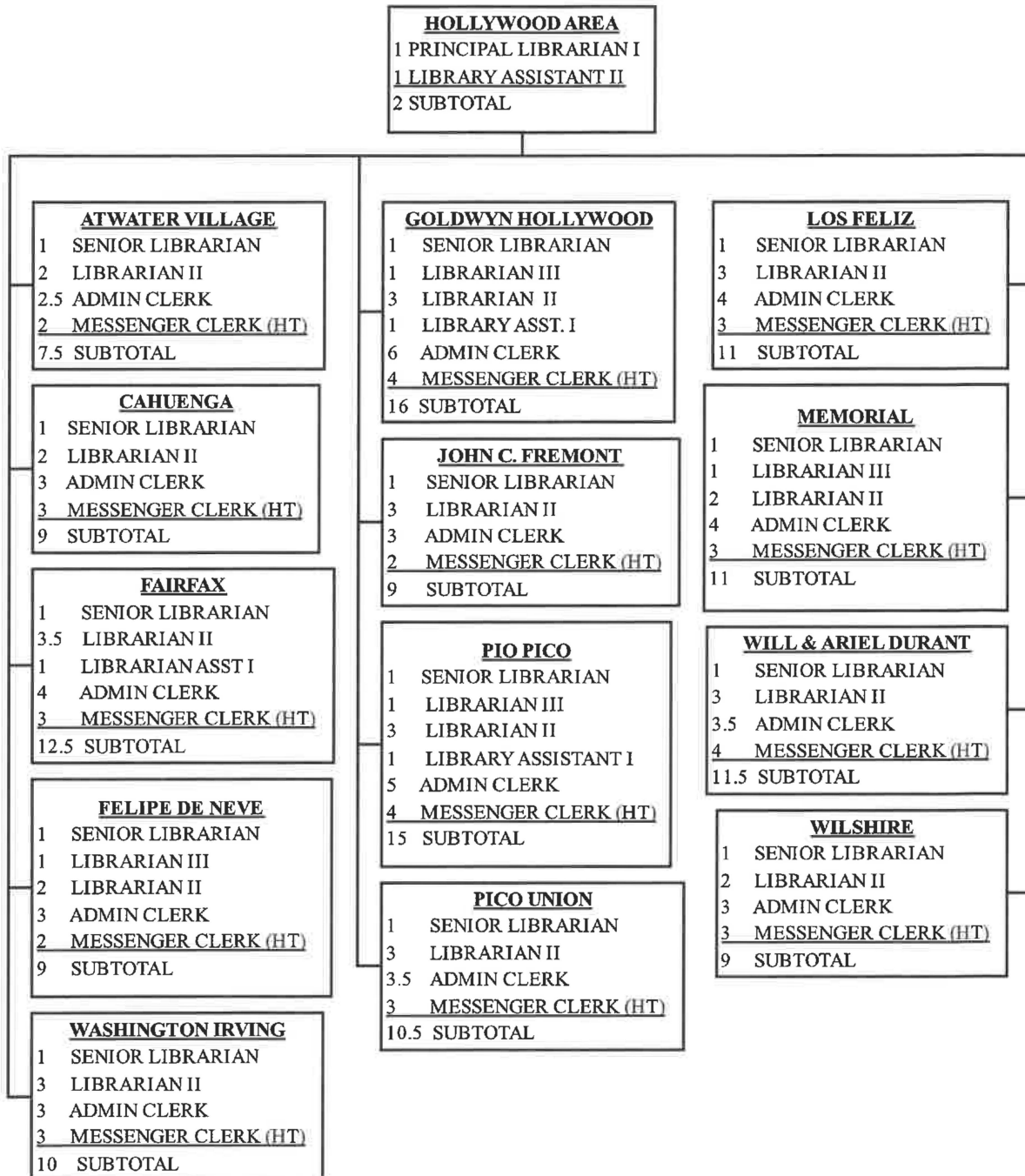
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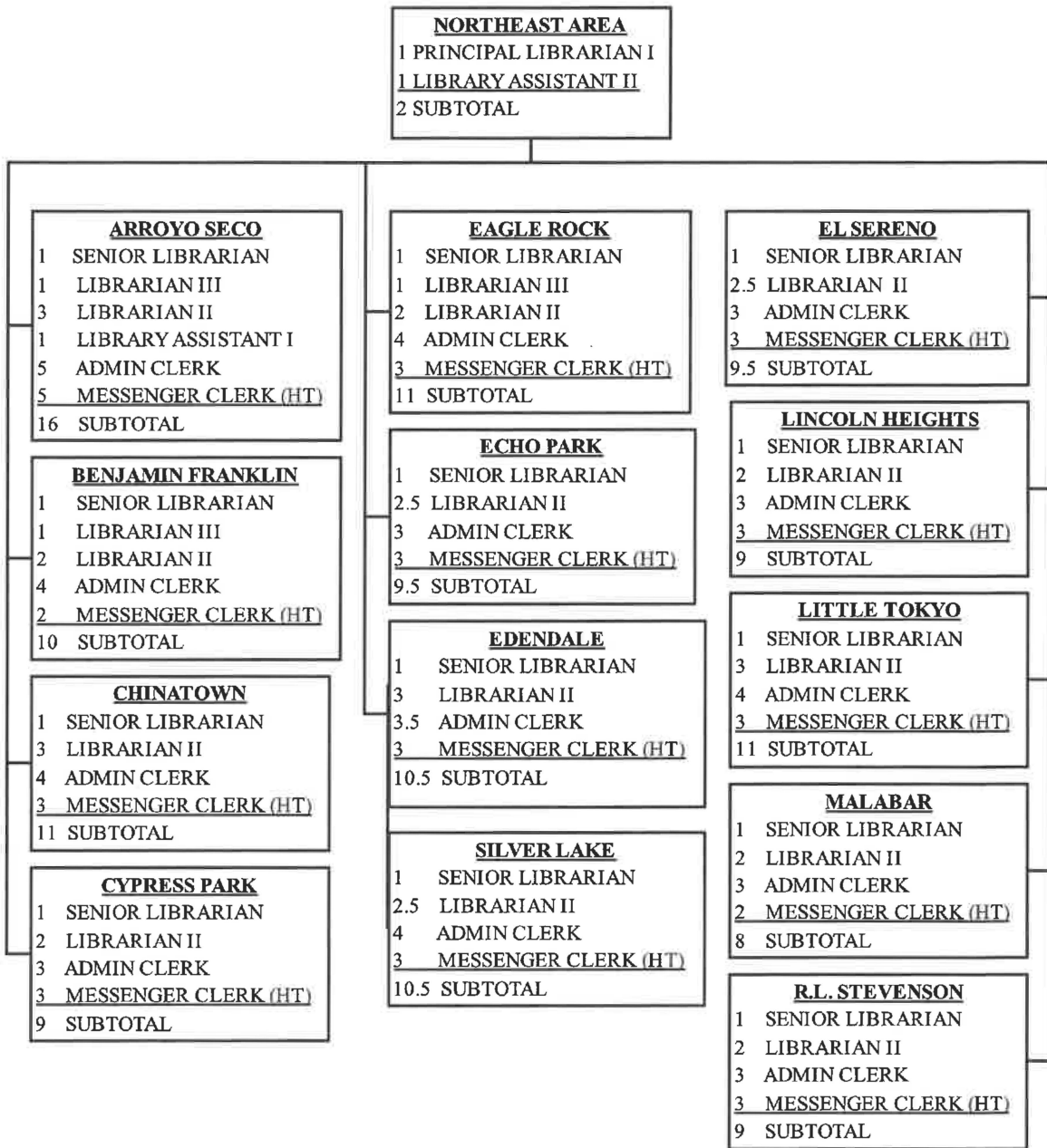
BRANCH LIBRARY SERVICES
1 DIVISION LIBRARIAN
1 PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN II
1 SECRETARY
1 LIBRARY ASST. II
1 ADMIN CLERK
5 SUBTOTAL

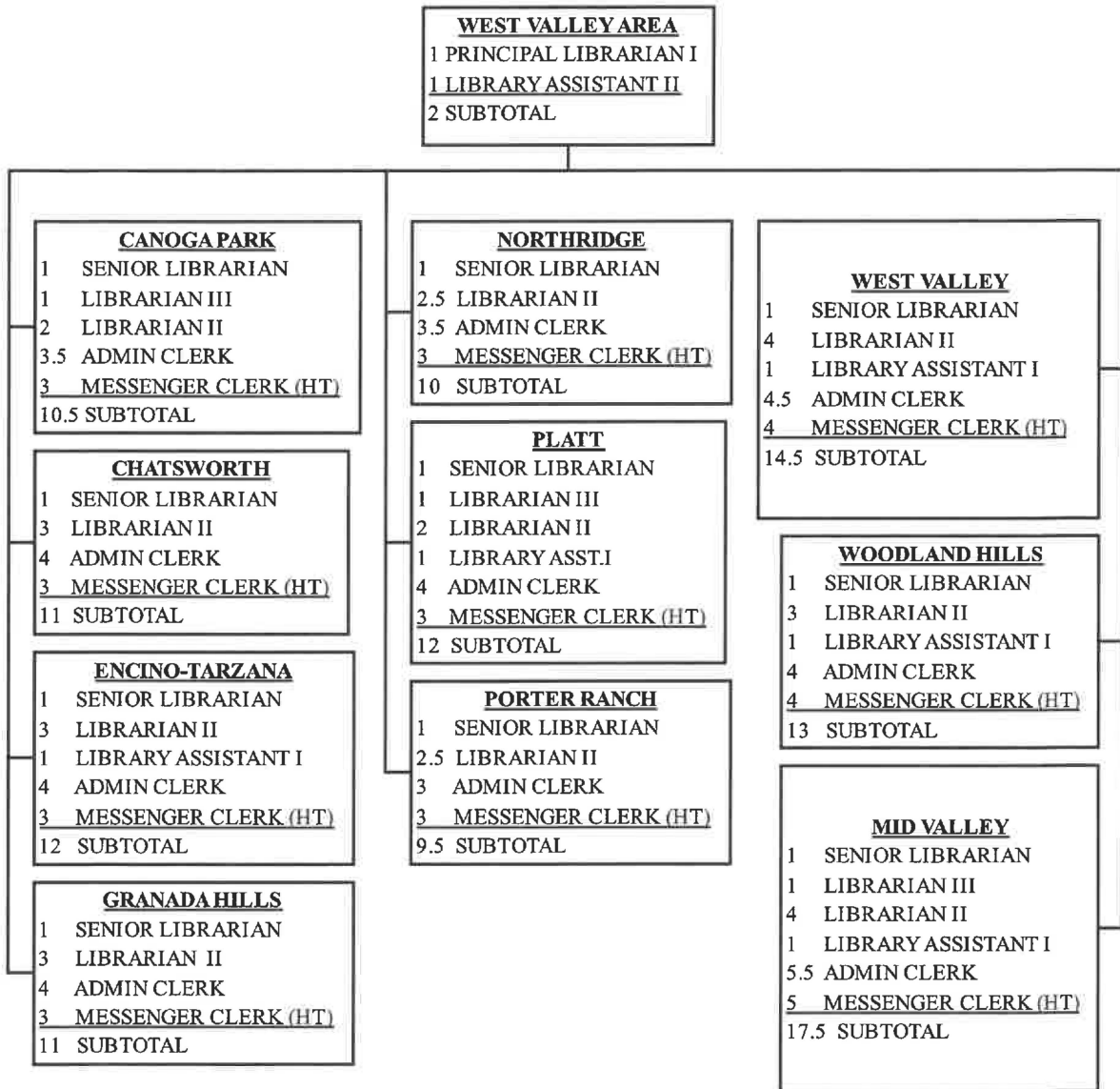


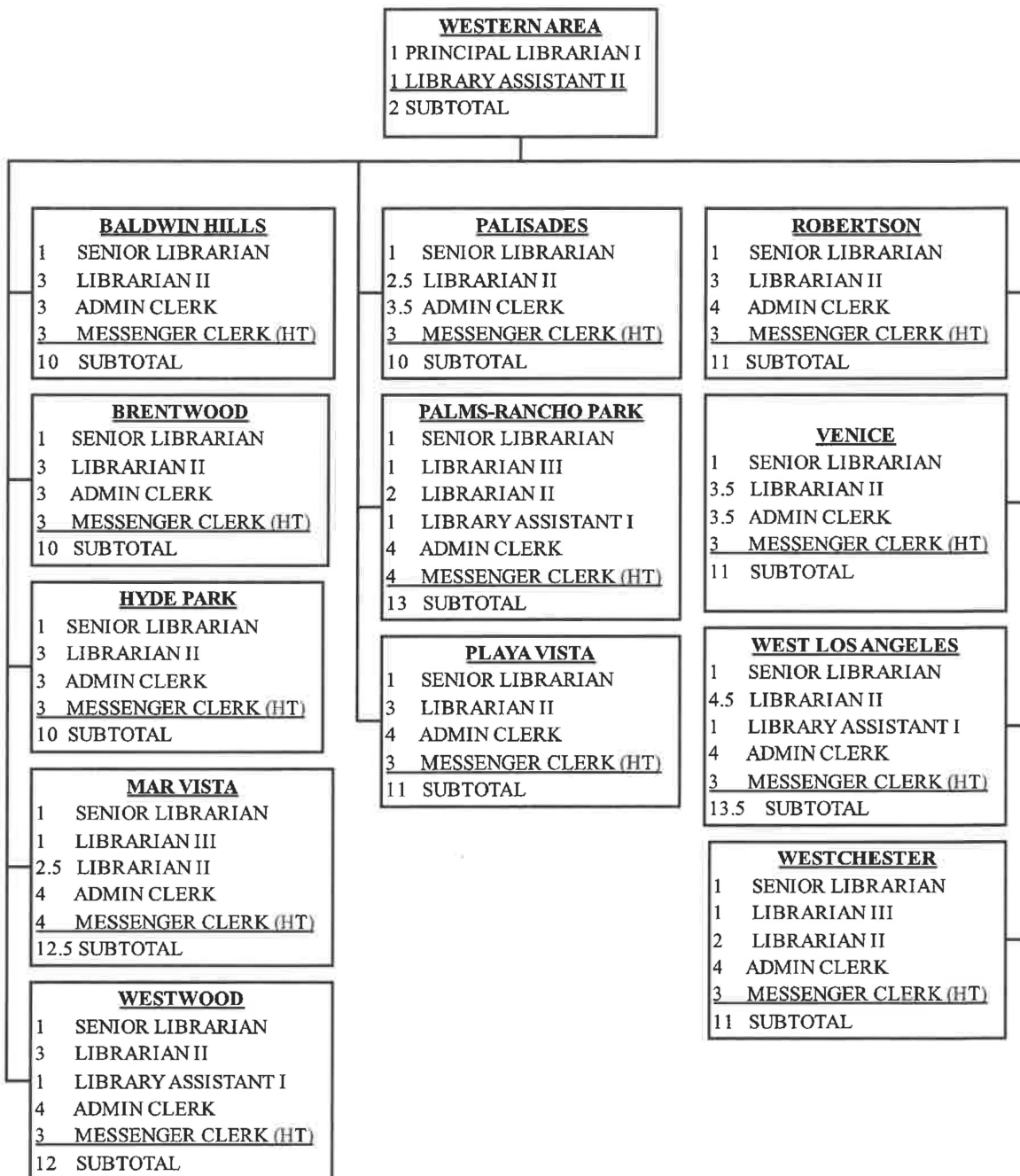


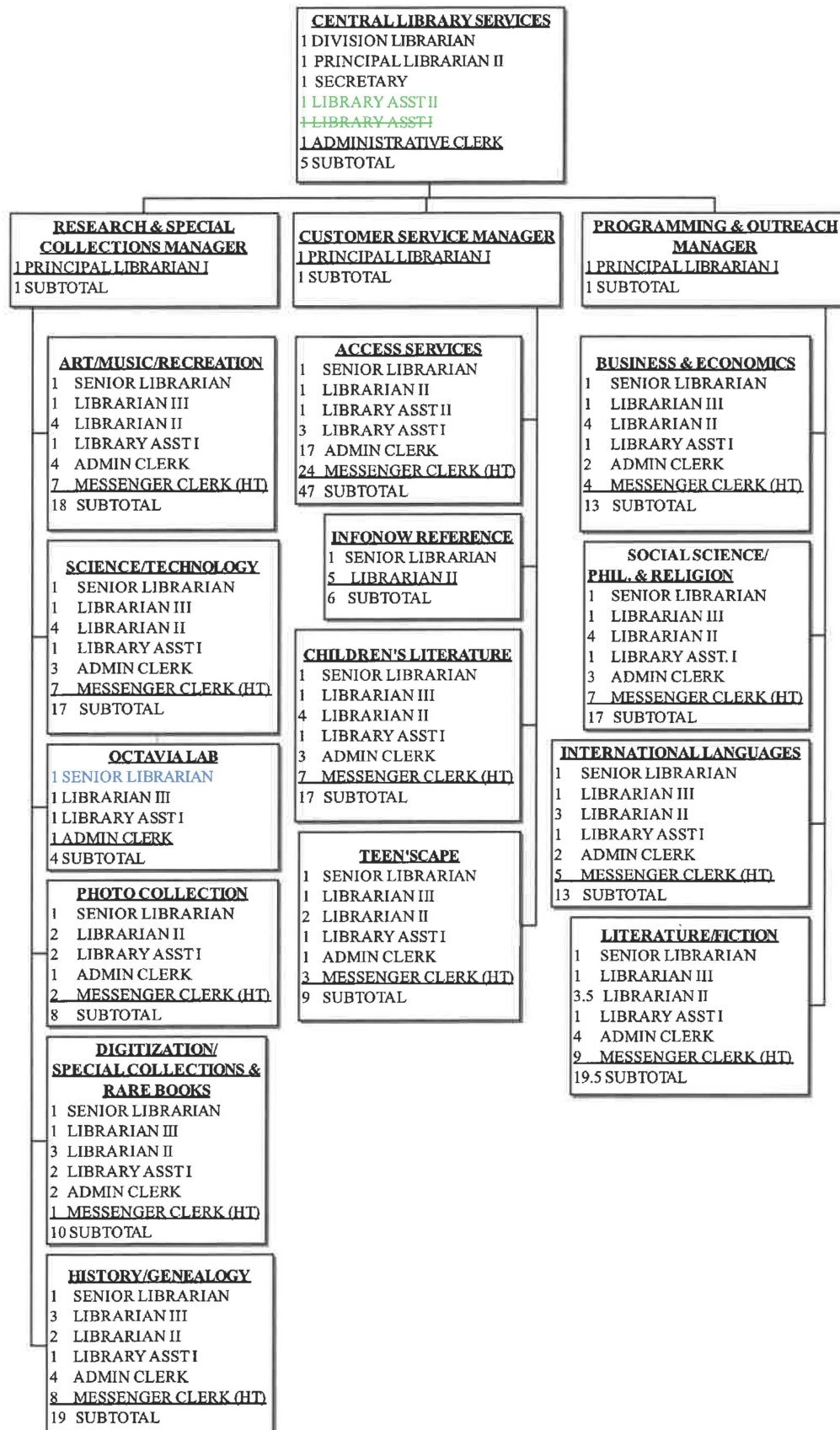




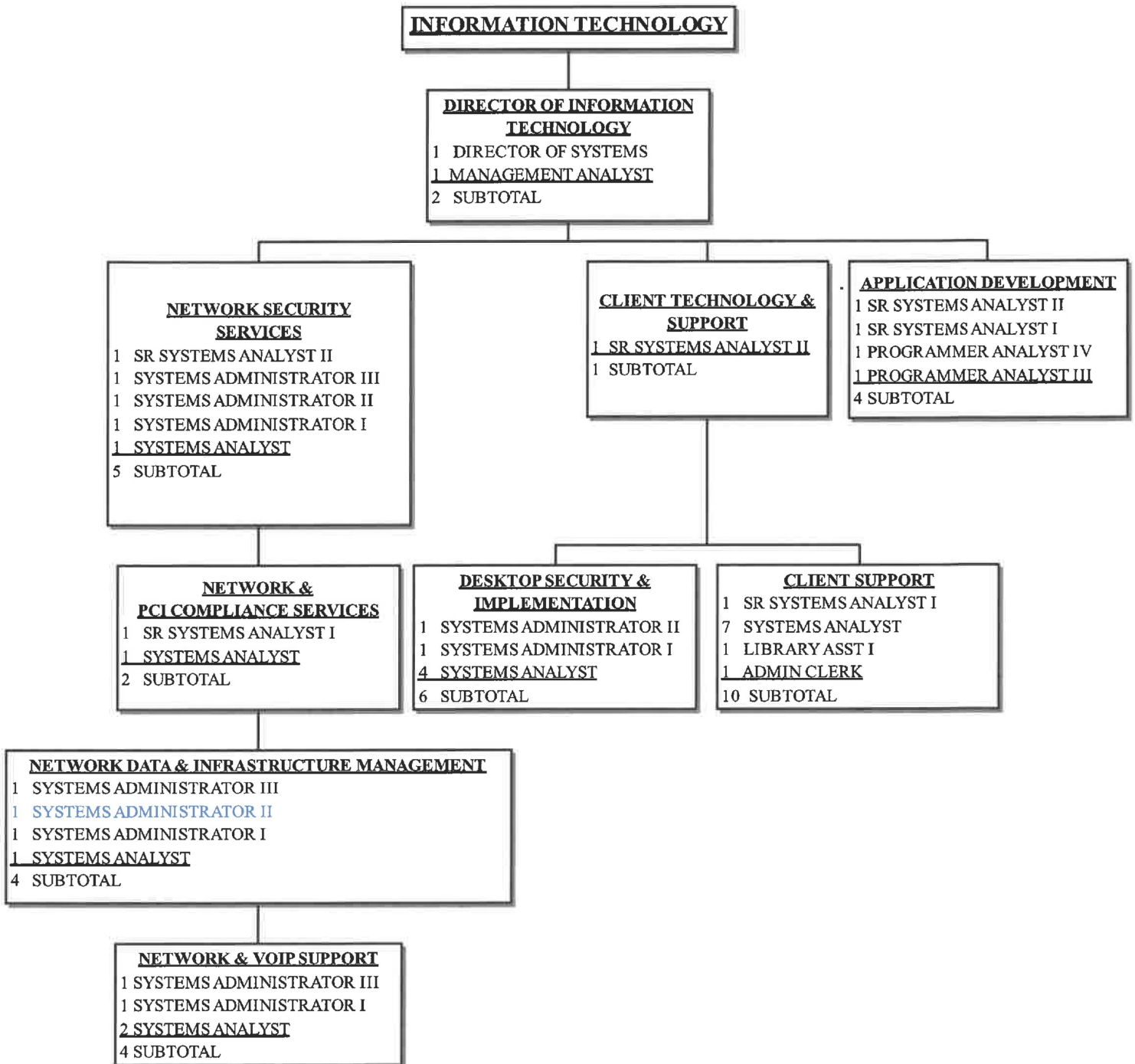






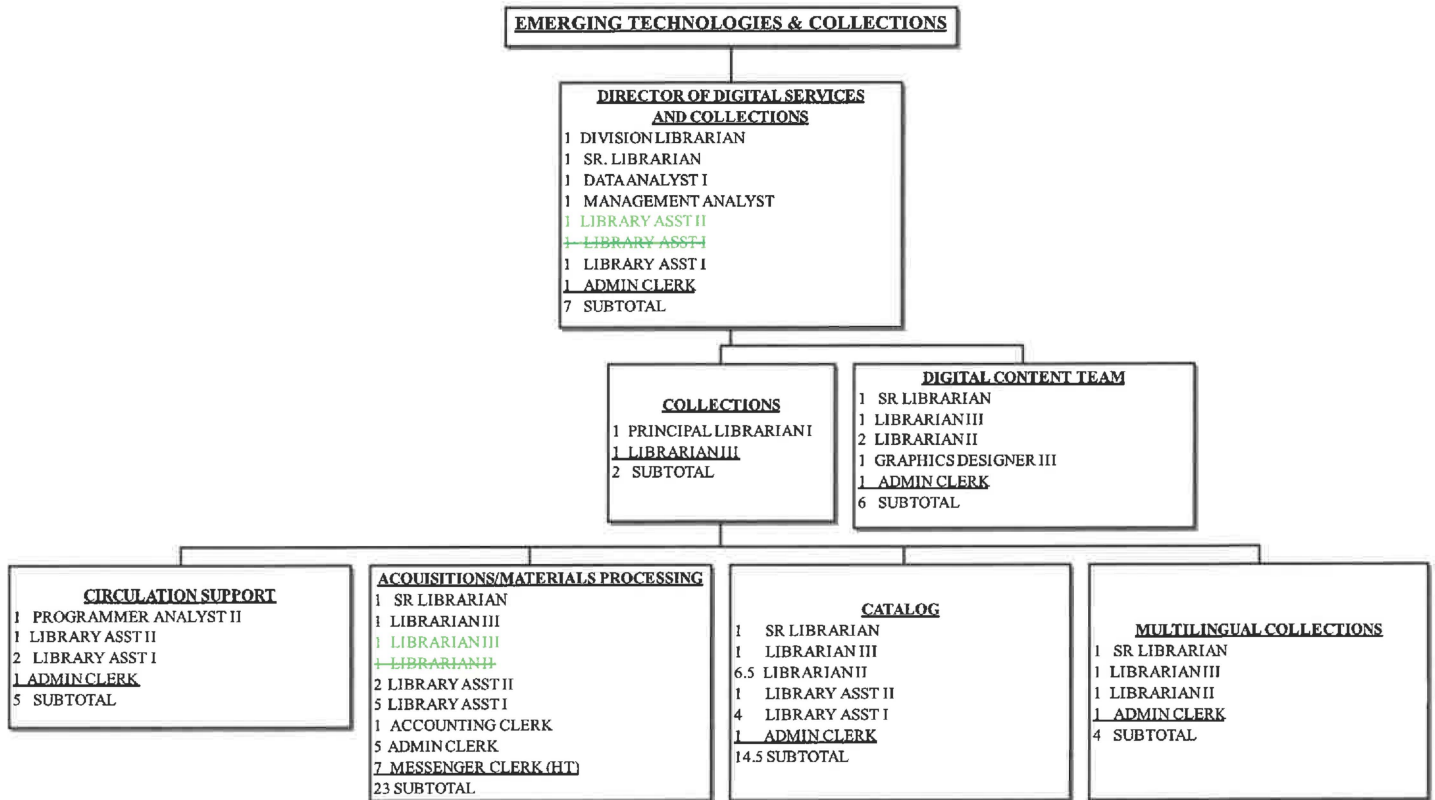


PAYGRADE
NEW POSITION



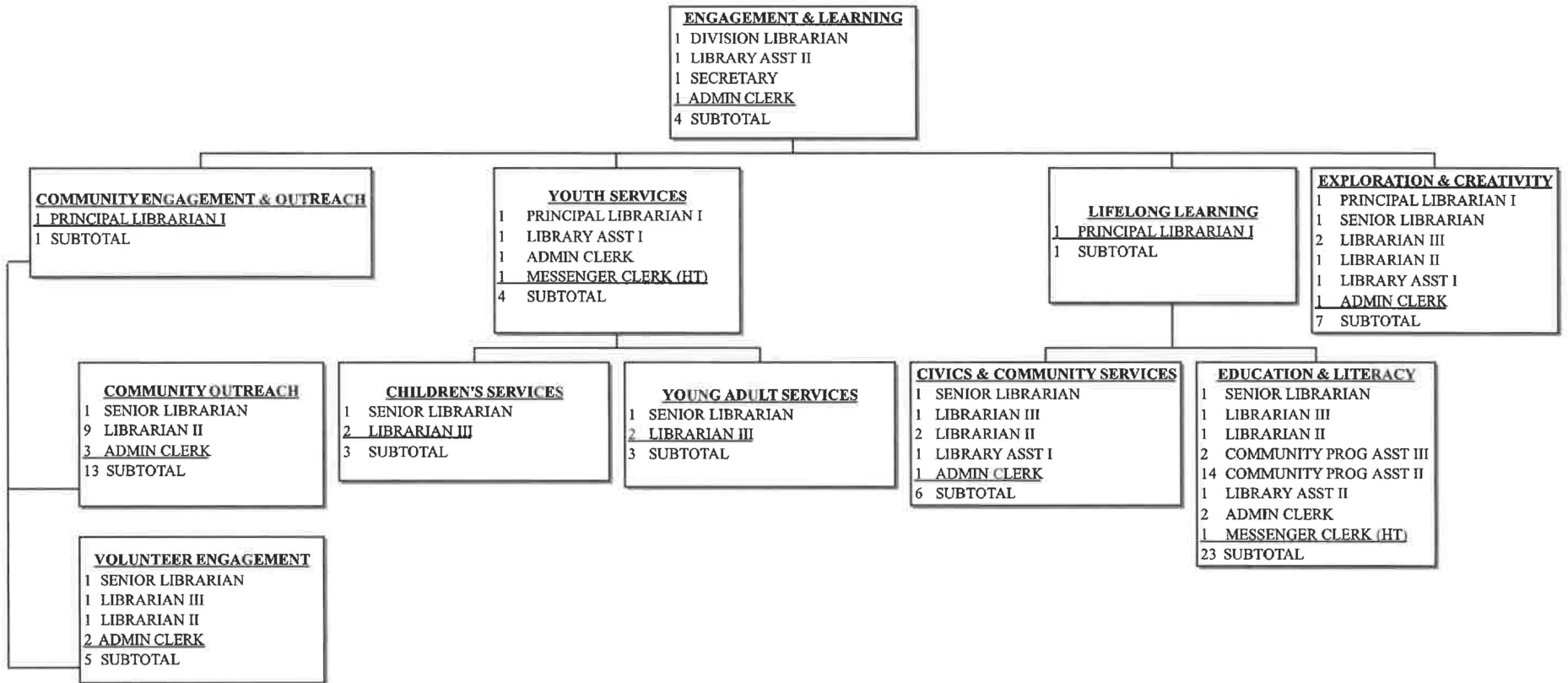
NEW POSITION

NOTE: Systems Programmer classification has been renamed to Systems Administrator



PAYGRADE

NOTE: Graphics Designer II (Budgeted) in Digital Content Team is being held vacant to find Graphics Designer III (Personnel Resolution Authority)



<u>BUSINESS MANAGEMENT</u>	
1	CHIEF MGMT ANALYST
2	SR. MGMT ANALYST II
1	SR. MGMT ANALYST I
1	PROCUREMENT SUPERVISOR
1	SR PROJECT COORDINATOR
4	MANAGEMENT ANALYST
1	MANAGEMENT ANALYST
1	LIBRARY ASST II
1	SR. ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK
1	SR. ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK
13	SUBTOTAL

<u>ACCOUNTING</u>	
1	DEPARTMENTAL CHIEF ACCT III
1	PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT II
2	SR ACCOUNTANT II
1	MANAGEMENT ANALYST
1	ACCT RECORDS SUPV
2	ACCOUNTANT
4	ACCT CLERK
1	ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK
12	SUBTOTAL

<u>PAYROLL</u>	
1	PAYROLL SUPERVISOR
1	PAYROLL SUPERVISOR
4	ACCOUNTING CLERK
1	ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK
7	SUBTOTAL

NEW POSITION

REALLOCATION

11/25

FACILITY PLANNING & MAINTENANCE

- 1 CHIEF MGMT ANALYST
- 1 SR. MGMT ANALYST II
- 1 SR. MGMT ANALYST I
- 1 ~~SR. MGMT ANALYST I~~
- 4 MANAGEMENT ANALYST
- 1 ~~MANAGEMENT ANALYST~~
- 1 SR. ADMIN CLERK
- 1 ~~ADMIN CLERK~~
- 11 SUBTOTAL

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

- 1 SR. GARDENER
- 2 GARDENER CARETAKER
- 1 ~~MAINTENANCE LABORER~~
- 1 MAINTENANCE LABORER
- 4 SUBTOTAL

SHIPPING/RECEIVING

- 1 SR STOREKEEPER
- 1 WAREHOUSE T/R WKR II
- 1 WAREHOUSE T/R WKR I
- 2 DELIVERY DRIVER III
- 9 DELIVERY DRIVER II
- 12 MESSENGER CLERK (HT)
- 1 SR EVENT ATTENDANT
- 2 EVENT ATTENDANT
- 8 ~~EVENT ATTENDANT (HT)~~
- 37 SUBTOTAL

NEW POSITION

REALLOCATION

LIBRARY EXPERIENCE OFFICE

1 SR. MANAGEMENT ANALYST II	1 PR. LIBRARIAN II
<u>1 SR. MANAGEMENT ANALYST I</u>	1 SR. LIBRARIAN
2 MANAGEMENT ANALYST	1 LIBRARIAN III
<u>2 ADMIN CLERK</u>	1 SOCIAL WORKER III
	7 SOCIAL WORKER II
	18 COMMUNITY SERV REP
	1 LIBRARY ASST. II
	<u>1 ADMIN CLERK</u>
37 SUBTOTAL	

FY 26/27
PROPOSED

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

1 PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN II
1 SENIOR LIBRARIAN
1 **MANAGEMENT ANALYST**
1 LIBRARIAN III
2 LIBRARY ASSISTANT II
1 ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK
7 SUBTOTAL

NEW POSITION