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Over the past 12 months, have you visited a Dallas Public Library location either online or in person? YES

Which DPL locations(s) have you visited? Central Library Lakewood Martin Luther King Skyline White Rock Hills

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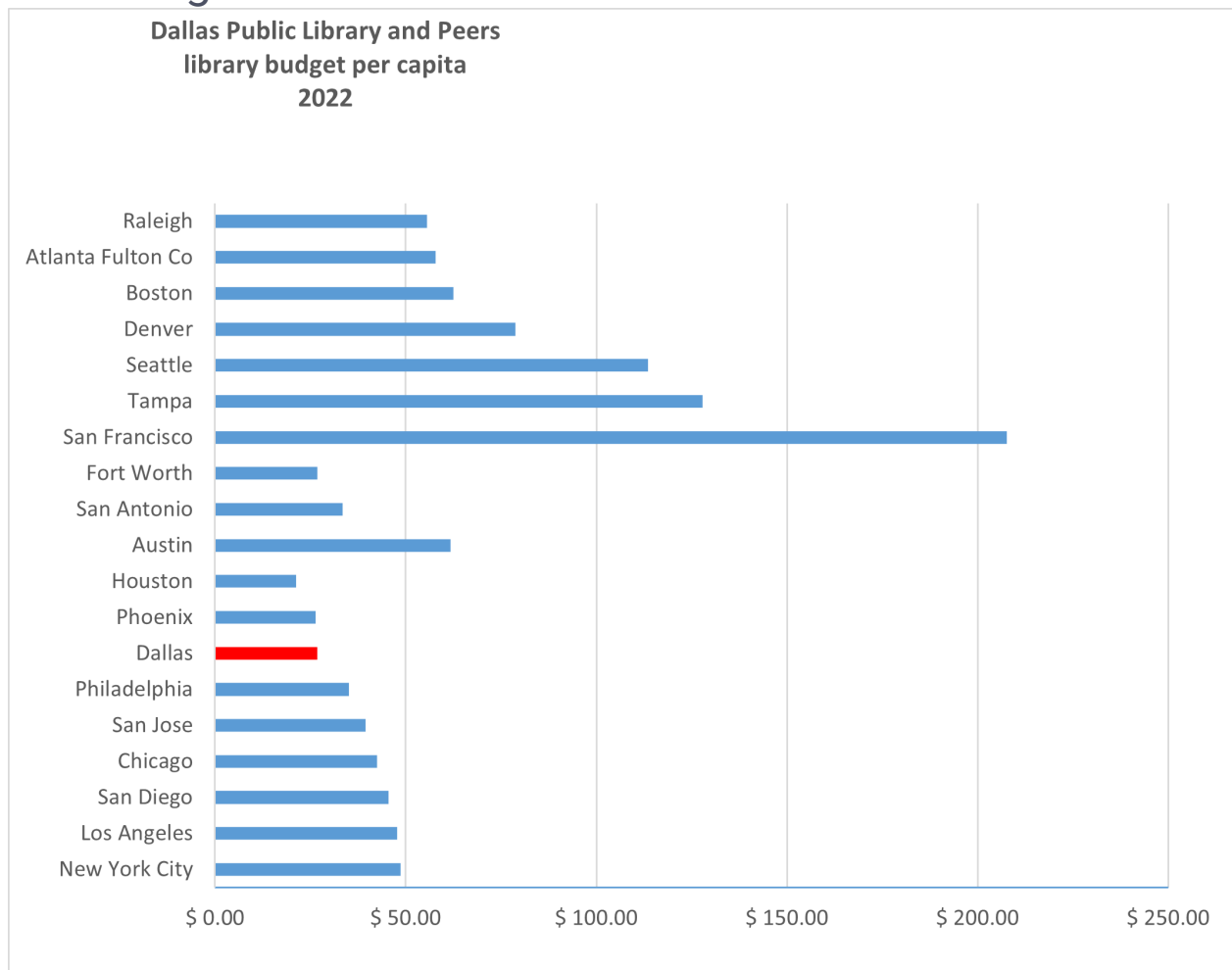
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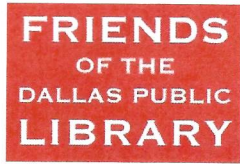
I consistently push City staff to identify new sources of revenue to fund Dallas' growing needs. I will continue to do the same thing for our libraries and advocate for investments in libraries through the 2024 bond program.

In your opinion, what is the role of the Dallas Public Library?

The Dallas Public Library is one of Dallas' most important institutions. I appreciate the creativity DPL has taken to both meet our community members where they are at in the community and inviting the community into our libraries. Dallas Public Library should continue playing an educational, creative, cultural, and historical role to serve all of Dallas' residents.

Additional Comments

The Dallas Public Library is one of our biggest assets as a City and should be invested in accordingly.



2023 Dallas City Council Candidate Survey

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- NO

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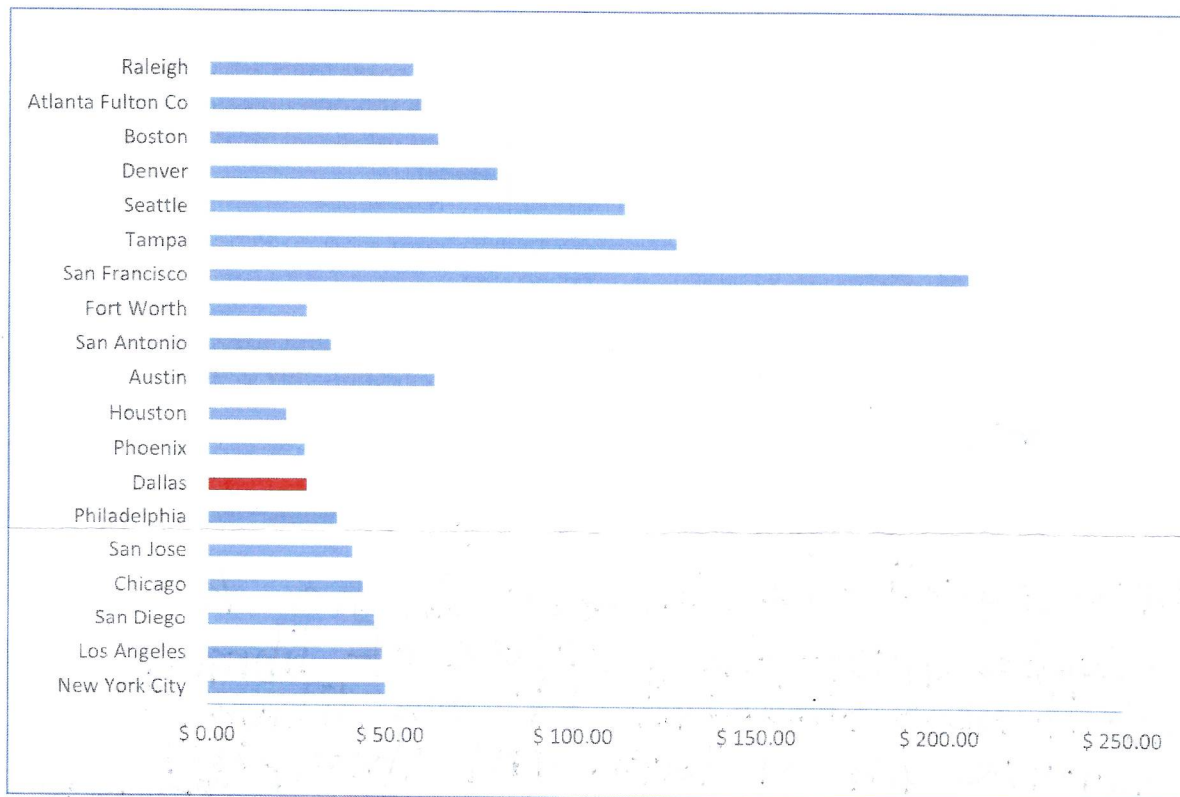
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Comparison Library Spending 2022



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YES

NO

If yes, what are your ideas?

To have a public hearing for citizens to be educated about the purpose of library, what it takes financially for the library to survive and put forth and champion increases to material budget and actively support ~~the~~ ^{\$500,000 increase in} budget materials

In your opinion, what is the role of the Dallas Public Library?

According to the Ultimate Guide to Principles for Libraries there are 5 reasons why libraries are essential.

1. Libraries maintain history and truth

2. Free educational resources

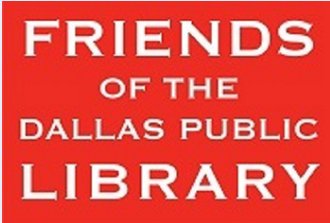
3. Libraries help to build communities

4. Libraries contribute to increasing economy

(5) Libraries are transparent with all the services they provide

Additional Comments

I find the Dallas Public one of the better libraries I have used in USA. The people ^{who work there} are very friendly and helpful.



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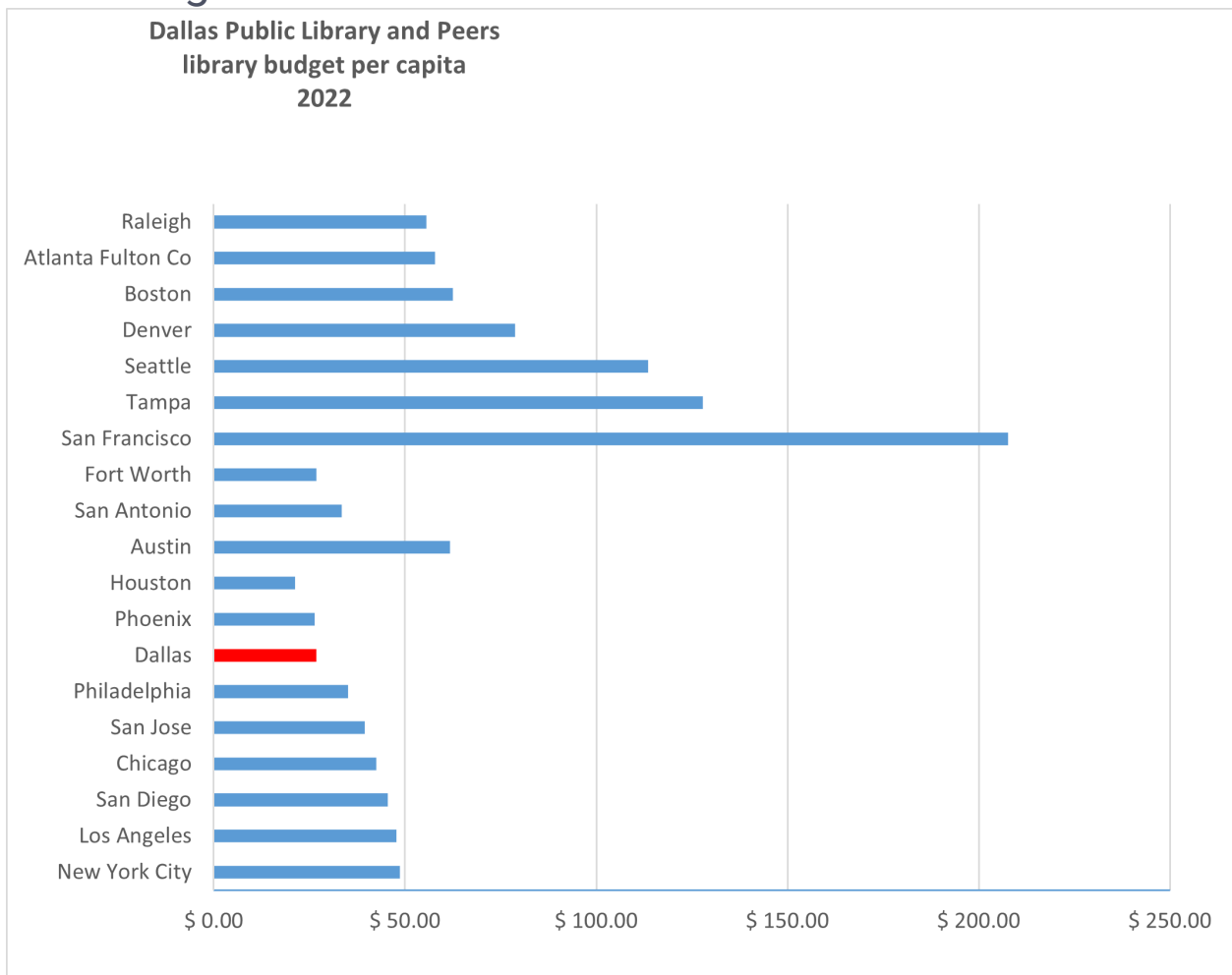
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Yes, I support increasing the budget. Opening up opportunities for our very own homeownership programs, and teaching our children how to apply for colleges and scholarship opportunities.

In your opinion, what is the role of the Dallas Public Library?

The role of Dallas Public Library is to educate and assist the community with educational opportunities and resources that's needed to succeed.

Additional Comments

The Dallas Public Library should be one of our major resources opened to the public at all times to serve and provide for us all.