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Part-time library employee Sean Pullen shelves books Friday.

Living wage LIVING-WAGE PROPOSAL City employees struggle as cost of living rises

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SANTA CRUZ — Jason Lux, and Dominic and Nick Gullo sat on the steps outside the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium at twilight one evening last week, sipping coffee and sharing their cigarettes with a homeless man. Their overalls were speckled in the colors of the newly finished Civic floor they'd been working on all week.

Like many conversations in Santa Cruz these days, talk on the stoop quickly turned to making rent.

"How do we make it?" asked Lux, who's worked for the city since March. Chuckling, he raised an eyebrow and said, "Barely."

"Most of us will work event security, try to get extra hours wherever we can, sometimes drive somewhere besides doing this stuff," said Dominic Gullo, who's worked for the city for nearly a year. "We try to pick up extra work wherever we can."

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Living Wage Task Force is offering three options for City Council consideration/
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