

3



Katherine Douglas *Public Comment - Group 1*

From: Patricia Saley <patriciawsaley@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 8, 2023 1:48 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Polling and Potential Tax Measures - Item D3 on Oct. 10, 2023 agenda

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear members of the Board of Supervisors,

I have been a promoter of public libraries my whole life, most recently as a County Library Advisory Committee member, a LAC Ad Hoc Committee member and as president of the Friends of the Montecito Library. I believe that libraries are very important to the health and well-being of our communities and they need to be supported.

After years of study and discussion, the conclusion reached by the Ad Hoc Committee, the LAC and the Board is that libraries in the County are underfunded and a sustainable source of funding is needed to meet minimum standards. The obvious source of these funds would be some sort of tax.

The item before you is to authorize polling to determine the public's interest in sales, parcel or special taxes to support libraries. The cost of this polling will be borne by the County and all eight cities in Santa Barbara County. I encourage you to authorize the polling so that we can ascertain the public's interest in supporting libraries. This is the logical next step in improving our County libraries that serve Santa Barbara County residents.

Thank you,

Patricia Saley

Katherine Douglas

From: Louise Kelly <louisepowekelly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 12:11 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Polling and Potential Tax Measures - Item D3 on Oct 10, 2023 Board of Supervisors Agenda

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident of Summerland, CA in Santa Barbara County and a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Montecito Library. I strongly support the role of public libraries in our communities and encourage you to authorize polling to determine citizen interest in sales, parcel or special taxes to support libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Louise P. Kelly
2465 Whitney Avenue
Summerland, CA. 93067
443-562-2331

Katherine Douglas

From: Kendra Epley <kendra.epley@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 12:19 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Polling and Potential Tax Measures - Item D3 on Oct. 10, 2023 agenda

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

> Dear members of the Board of Supervisors,

>

> I have been a promoter of public libraries my whole life, first as a library user in my youth, now as a parent taking my own children to the library, and as treasurer of Friends of the Montecito Library. I believe that libraries are very important to the health and well-being of our communities and they need to be supported.

>

> After years of study and discussion, the conclusion reached by the Ad Hoc Committee, the LAC and the Board is that libraries in the County are underfunded and a sustainable source of funding is needed to meet minimum standards. The obvious source of these funds would be some sort of tax.

>

> The item before you is to authorize polling to determine the public's interest in sales, parcel or special taxes to support libraries. The cost of this polling will be borne by the County and all eight cities in Santa Barbara County. I encourage you to authorize the polling so that we can ascertain the public's interest in supporting libraries. This is the logical next step in improving our County libraries that serve Santa Barbara County residents.

>

> Thank you,

>

> Kendra Epley