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General Public Comment - Group 3

From: Hattie and Michael Beresford <hattieberesford@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 2, 2022 8:10 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Funding cut to the Santa Barbara Public Library



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Dear Supervisors,

As a former teacher of English and history at a junior high school where 80% of the children were on the free or reduced lunch program, I am begging you not to cut crucial funding to the Santa Barbara Public Library which supports the academic, social, and cultural development of so many of our children whose families can not otherwise afford programs that do so. It is in the best interest, not only of these children and adults, but the community at large to help grow well-educated, well-rounded community members. Please continue funding these essential programs.

Respectfully,
Hattie Beresford

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From: jsterne@targeting.com
Sent: Saturday, April 2, 2022 10:52 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Anne Howard; Lauren Trujillo, CFRE
Subject: Library Services Funding

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

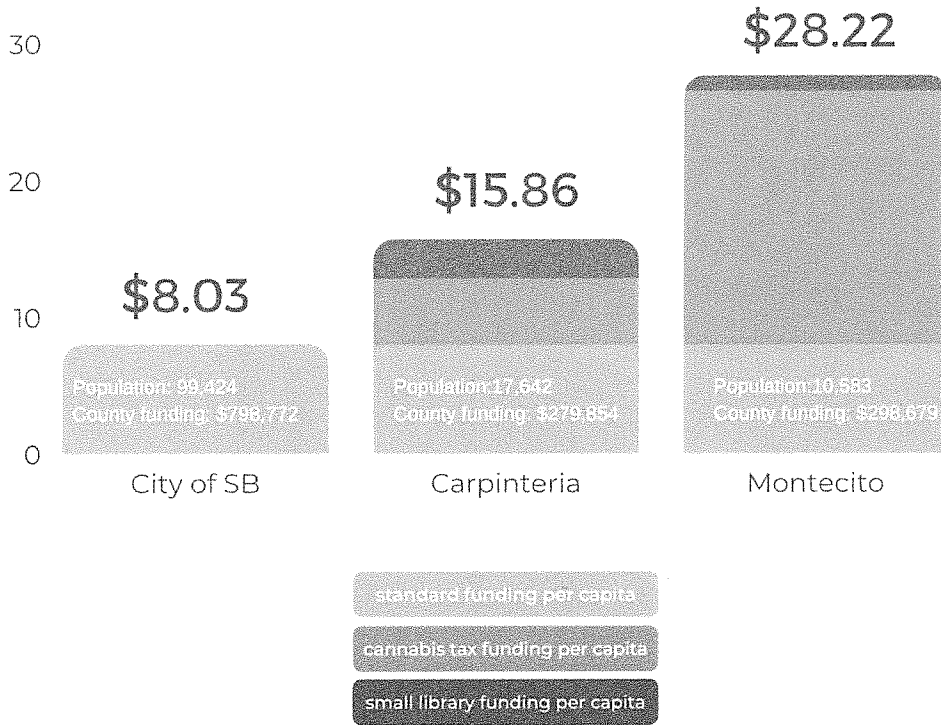
My name is Jim Sterne, I live in District 1 in the City of Santa Barbara and am on the Board of the [Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation](#).

On March 22, the Santa Barbara City Council approved a \$9.39 million contract for renovations in the Central Library. We at the Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation are delighted to have raised [\\$5.1 million of it](#).

It would be a shame if the Central Library had to cut its staff hours due to the inequity of per-capita funding received by smaller libraries -



SB County Funding for Libraries in South County, Per Capita Zone 1



Please, please, please support our amazing civic asset by equitably allocating per-capita funding.

Thank you for all your hard work and being willing to stand in the spotlight to take it on the chin for all of us... especially the least of us who benefit the most from a free public library.

Respectfully yours,

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From: Aaron Shulman <amshulman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 3:24 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment -- Library Funding

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To whom it may concern:

As a local author was invited to participate in several community events at the SBPL, I urge you not to cut funding. There are few places left in the world, let alone Santa Barbara, for people to come together to talk about writing, literature, and how books can change our lives and make the world a better place. The value for the community is hard to quantify, yes, but invaluable.

Please don't eliminate funding. It will be to the detriment of the Santa Barbara community.

Sincerely,
Aaron Shulman

[My book](#) * [My website](#) * [Splash Literary](#)

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From: Leslie Dinaberg <leslie@lesliedinaberg.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 11:47 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment for Tomorrow's Board of Supervisor's Meeting \ Library Funding
Attachments: 4.4.22 Public Comment Letter to Board of Supervisors re_ Library.pdf

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Attached please find my public comment letter for tomorrow's board of supervisor's meeting. I have also pasted it below for your convenience.

Thank you so much for your help.

Leslie Dinaberg
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April 4, 2022

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Re: Funding for Santa Barbara Public Library

I am writing to thank you for your ongoing financial support of Santa Barbara Public Library and request that you continue that support in the new fiscal year. In addition, I would like to request that you take a hard look at some of the inequities in library funding in our region.

Despite the many fiscal challenges of the past few years, in addition to the logistical pivots required during the pandemic, the Santa Barbara Public Library has done an impressive job of providing an extensive array of services to the area.

The library depends on county funding for important programs such as the Library on the Go outreach program, which takes the library services to underserved areas such as local parks and Housing Authority sites and provides essential resources such as WI-FI and job search assistance for our underserved homeless population; adult literacy programs; caregiver classes for Spanish speakers; and Student Success Cards, which support more than 10,000 Santa Barbara Unified School District students with library cards and services — the list goes on and on and on.

Despite the rich and unique services the Santa Barbara Public Library provides, the county formula has continued to prioritize smaller regional libraries over the larger municipal library. It's time to give Santa Barbara a fairer share of the funding. **Santa Barbara Public Library currently receives per capita dollars from the County for 99,424 people and Goleta receives per capita dollars from the County for 92,382 people, despite the fact that Central Library has 52,211 total registered users and Goleta Library has 15,693 total registered users.** The city of Santa Barbara also has a high rate of the population living below the poverty line (12.5% vs. 7.9% in Goleta) and a higher number of people who are not fluent in English (12,841 vs. 3,946 in Goleta).

I urge you to please take all of these factors into account as you review your budgets and consider providing additional funding to the Santa Barbara Public Library.

Sincerely,

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