

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Kelly Hatchett <kellydhatchett@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 3, 2018 9:09 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Item 18-0389 (Libraries)

Hi- I grew up going to the Montecito library and now take my small children there frequently. It is a such a special and important place for all the children of Montecito. The tues story time is amazing and one of the things my children missed the most while being evacuated. Please keep the library open. Thank you. Kelly.

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From: Michael Edwards <phroglabs@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 3, 2018 2:25 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Item 18-0389 (Libraries)

Dearest, Board and Council Members,

What would Ben Franklin say?

He created our public library system some 200 years ago, in order that we, the public, and private citizens of these United States, would have access to free literature for education, self improvement, research and business.

Without a public library, we have less access! The internet is not an option, for it is neither free of charge, nor a reliable source, in, and of itself for trusted literature. By removing our smaller, local libraries, and forcing their frequent, and common users to travel for these resources, creates a cost of time and money to those who otherwise not have the issue.

Please, in the best interest of our citizenry, keep the the Montecito Library, and all other satellite libraries open, in order to continue to build the minds and hearts of those who frequent them for a source of knowledge, and well being.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Michael A. Edwards
Montecito, California

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From: Kathleen Jacobs <katjacobs3@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 3, 2018 2:43 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Item 18-0389 (libraries)

Dear Santa Barbara City,

Please do not cut funding to the Montecito branch library. My three children and I utilize the library in many ways weekly. My children and I are voracious readers and find an unlimited source of fiction, nonfiction, information texts, ect at the library. I wouldn't be able to provide them with the volume of books they need without the library.

Thanks for listening!

Kat Jacobs

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Kelly Shiffman <kelly.shiffman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 8:26 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Item 18-0389 (Libraries)

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I have been informed that the Board of Supervisors will be discussing the Montecito Library with the possibility of its closure. Unfortunately, I cannot attend the meeting but hope this email will help you understand the importance of this branch being open to the community. This library serves this community as a place to gather and learn. It encourages early literacy with its programs and special events. When the mudslides hit, it served as a place to get information and goods like air masks. What is especially important is that the library is walkable for many community members.

Please keep this in mind when discussing our very special Montecito Library branch.

Kindly,
Kelly Shiffman

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From: Brian Bunnin <bbunnin@bunnin.com>
Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 10:09 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Montecito Library

As a resident of Montecito with two small children I can't begin to impress upon you what a local treasure our local library on East Valley Road is to those in our community. It would be truly heartbreaking to close this world-class resource in our backyards. In this world of hyper-connectivity the library offers a special place of refuge for young and old alike. It would be such a travesty if these facilities were forced to close. The great news is that I understand you are working on a solution – which give me and other LOTS of hope.

That said, I am writing today simply to ask you please support the Library Advisory Committee recommendations.

I understand that you are working on a solution to use some reserves from Zone 1 that have currently been assigned to the Goleta library to balance the budget for six libraries in our County that are facing substantial deficits and face closures. Fortunately, Goleta does not have a deficit and is blessed with reserves of \$500,000. If the County uses about \$150,000 of that to close the deficits for the other libraries that would be spectacular for everyone in all of Santa Barbara County.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Brian Bunnin
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From: Kimberly Gibson <kimberlysgibson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 11:33 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Item 18-0389 (Libraries)

Public Comment:

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I live in the 1st District and am a Montecito resident, voter and library patron. I have 2 children (preschool and 1st grade) and we use the library on a weekly basis.

From following the news and watching the 4/3 County BOS meeting and 5/31 City Council meeting, I'm concerned about what's happening with the SBPL County branch libraries, especially Montecito. Unfortunately, I cannot make it to public comment at tomorrow's meeting and appreciate you reading this.

As you know, since we are unincorporated, our Friends of the Montecito Library acts in place of a City to contribute funds to the library operations. Particularly after what Montecito has been through with the Debris Flow, we need our library services to remain intact to support our community, early literacy, digital literacy, and serve as a welcoming, supportive public service for Montecito residents and workers.

Please ensure that Montecito Library continues to stay open as part of the SBPL System without interruption. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Gibson
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Santa Barbara, CA 93108

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From: Houghton <houghton@houghtonhyatt.com>
Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 1:17 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Supporting the LAC Recommendation

I fully support the LAC recommendation! It would be so sad for our Montecito Library to go away.

Thank you,

Houghton Hyatt

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Dana Zertuche <Dana@DanaZertuche.com>
Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 2:31 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Item 18-0389 (Libraries)

Importance: High

Dear Members of the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this email in support of the Montecito Library, which is a staple in our community. As a parent of three young children in Montecito, the Montecito Library is an incredible resource for our children and community as a whole. We LOVE our local library and do not want to see ANY changes to the funding of our beloved library. The Montecito Library is small, but an important part of our intellectual lives, as well as a support system for our community. Early literacy, digital literacy, social justice, and just good old-fashioned kindness are public services that we deserve as unincorporated County residents.

I fully support the Library Advisory Committee recommendation.

Sincerely,

Dana Zertuche

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