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I would appreciate it if the email below which was also sent to the Board of Supervisors could be read at the April 13th meeting. Thank you...Amelia Villegas

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I would greatly appreciate it if my email below could be read at the Board of Suetpersors meeting on Monday, April 13th:

The community of Guadalupe, though small, continues to need its branch library. Having been born and raised in Guadalupe, I have a vested interest in seeing our library continue to support the residents, both young and old, in Guadalupe. As the City's representative to the County's Library Advisory Committee, I have an even greater interest in saving our library.

As one of the branches without a city or county owned facility, I am pleased to report that the City has confirmed their commitment to provide monies toward the rent for FY 20/21. Those funds are a plus but the branch needs additional funding, basically to "just keep afloat". Right now the deficit is projected to be \$28,809 for the upcoming year. That amount is based on the \$7.80 per capita. Additional funding is needed, not only for the remaining amount to cover the annual rent but also for the normal, day-to-day expenses in keeping our branch open, e.g. utilities, phone, staffing and administrative overhead.

I am requesting that the Board of Supervisors seriously consider increasing the per capita amount to \$11.70. This additional \$3.90 per capita is needed to keep just the "status quo" at our branch. The library has been in Guadalupe for more than 70+ years. I lived at the library as a child after school and during the summer months. Once we have seen ourselves through the current pandemic, the library will reopen. I hope that our residents don't see any drastic changes due to lack of funding.

Thank you for considering this sincere request to help retain our small branch here in Guadalupe.

Amelia M. Villegas
City of Guadalupe Representative
SBCo Library Advisory Committee