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Public Comment- Community Services

**From:** Sharon Seidler <syseidler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 3:37 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Library funding, going forward

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To: County Board of Supervisors

I am asking that our SB Library be funded generously for the coming year and beyond.

Our strong library system and superb personnel symbolize the high values of our community. Along with other necessary city services, like good public schools, well-maintained streets and sanitation services, police and fire infrastructures, a superior library is a requirement to maintain our high caliber way of life.

The Santa Barbara Library is more than a place to check out books. For example, it also runs a first-rate tutoring program to teach struggling children how to become more proficient readers. It also trains volunteers (like myself) in the renowned Orton-Gillingham method so we can truly help these children succeed. And, it has a literacy program for ESL adults to become better English speakers and readers.

Our library is not a quiet, sedate space! It is constantly developing programs around literacy to meet the evolving needs of our community. Moreover, there are several more innovative ideas percolating that hopefully will be able to be implemented.

Please recognize the library's importance to our residents and secure its bright future - and the future of Santa Barbara - by funding it as generously as possible.

Sharon Seidler  
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Sent from my iPhone

**Ramirez, Angelica**

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**From:** Guy Whitford <whitfordstore@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 2:45 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please continue Library funding

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To: Santa Barbara County  
Board of Supervisors

From: Guy R. Whitford  
57 years resident

Honorable Supervisors, Chairwoman Hartmann, and general public,

My family moved here when I was ten years old. At that time the entrance to the Central Library was through the carved archway on Anapamu St. I remember feeling the wonder, and the peaceful atmosphere that continues today at our Central Library, and branches.

The parents of my best friend in grade school were prominent educators here in Santa Barbara, at S.B. City College and Montecito Union School. They had a bumper sticker that said "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance."

Consider the volume of knowledge and wisdom that the library contributes to Santa Barbara, and beyond. It may thus seem an ignorant move indeed to curtail its' support by \$800,000 as I am told The County Board might consider during the April 12 budget workshop.

I am confident to speak for many people in asking you folks to please at least recind that motion. We would all benefit.

Sincerely,  
Guy Whitford

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Leslie Dinaberg <ldinaberg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 2:31 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Tomorrow's Board of Supervisor's Meeting  
**Attachments:** 3.14.22 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. Thank you so much for your help.

Leslie Dinaberg

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March 14, 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.

The Santa Barbara Public Library depends on County funding for many important programs, including one of the most successful recent programs, the new Library on the Go outreach van!

Greeted by smiles and even cheers wherever it travels, this outdoor library space provides library services and programs to neighborhoods in Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, Montecito, and Summerland.

Along with providing books and other materials for the community to check out, as well as on the spot library card registrations so that these services are available to ALL, the Library on the Go van also offers free public Wi-Fi, laptop computers, and document printing — all of which are invaluable services, especially to our lowest income and high need community members who don't have the ability to easily get themselves to a library location.

This mobile library program is just one of the rich and unique services the Santa Barbara Public Library provides to the region as a whole, but we need your help in order to do this. I urge you to please be as generous as possible in allocating County funding to the Santa Barbara Public Library.

Sincerely,

Leslie Dinaberg  
Vice Chair, City of Santa Barbara Library Board  
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## de la Guerra, Sheila

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**From:** Eminnen Pachuca <eminempachuca@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 4:41 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Library

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The library is important to me because it is a good place to study for a test or even to check out a book. This library is important also because that I bring it has so many different programs you can do just for fun and to spend your time well. The library is important because they also do good events for students.

**de la Guerra, Sheila**

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**From:** Moms Spaghetti <emiliano1214lopez@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 4:58 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Fund Santa Barbara Public Library

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

As a student from Santa Barbara Senior High School and a member of Santa Barbara Public Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB), I am urging you to adequately fund our Library to ensure youth have a safe place to go to after school. Participating in TAB enables me to be an active leader in my community and assist library staff in providing fun, educational programming at the library. The library is specifically important to me because as a kid, I grew up coming to the library with my class. The memories of having fun checking out books in this place is something I'm not forgetting since it's one of my many early memories. I found all of my favorite books and genres here. I am glad to have been a part of this place. I am second gen. and my sibling also went here, she made a friend here and over the summer even went with me to check out books. I want other younger generations to also be able to experience and make good memories here just as I and many others did while it's still here.

Sincerely, Emiliano

**de la Guerra, Sheila**

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**From:** Jose Vega <jvega7748@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 5:01 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Funding the Santa Barbara public library

**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.**

As a student from Santa Barbara High School and a member of Santa Barbara Public library's teen advisory board (TAB), I am urging you to adequately fund our library to ensure youth have a safe place to go after school. Participating in TAB enables me to be an active leader in my community and assist library staff in providing fun, educational programming at the library. The library is important for me because it is a safe place and relaxing place to go after school to do homework or hangout with friend. Many of the actives at the library are really fun and keeps me interested in the activities.

**de la Guerra, Sheila**

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**From:** The Turns Have Tabled <feedlalo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 5:08 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Fund Santa Bárbara Public library

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As a student from SBHS and a member of Santa Barbara public library's teen advisory board (TAB), I am urging you to adequately fund our library. I use the library as a place to chill with my friends and I don't want the funds to affect the library.



**de la Guerra, Sheila**

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**From:** Victoria Garcia Otero <victoriagarciaotero828@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 5:20 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Fund Santa Barbara Public Library!

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

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Thank you for your consideration and time, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Victoria Garcia

**de la Guerra, Sheila**

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**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,

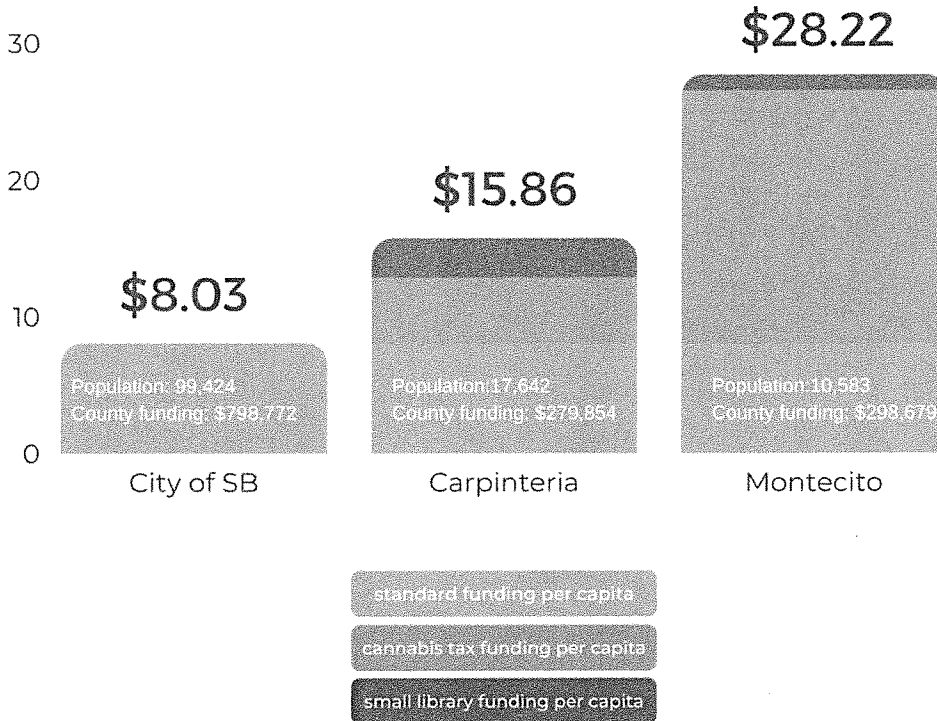
My name is Jim Sterne, I live in District 1 in the City of Santa Barbara and am on the Board of the [Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation](#).

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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## de la Guerra, Sheila

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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

**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.**

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](#)

## de la Guerra, Sheila

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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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Sincerely,

Leslie Dinaberg  
Vice Chair, City of Santa Barbara Library Board  
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## de la Guerra, Sheila

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**From:** denadavis67@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 4:41 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** Library Funding

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April 4, 2022

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

I am writing as a new Library Board member for the City of Santa Barbara. I also serve on our CenCal CCS/Whole Child Model Family Advisory Committee, chair the Staff Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, represent CenCal Health on the DHCS CCS Advisory Group, volunteer as a Parent Mentor for Alpha Resource Center, and most importantly, am mom to two boys, one of whom has a rare genetic syndrome, Cornelia deLange Syndrome. I'm a former classroom elementary teacher in Santa Barbara Unified and Midcoast Maine and served on the Community Action Committee with our Special Education Local Plan Area. I also own a mobile bookshop and teach creative writing. My passions are literacy, inclusion, and children's physical and mental health.

I first want to thank you for your support of the City of Santa Barbara's library branches over the years. Libraries, as you know, serve an essential role in communities that extends far beyond providing books and periodicals to patrons.

I recently participated in a Santa Barbara County Behavioral Health Mental Health focus group with Suzanne Grimmesey. We discussed the need, especially during the pandemic, for community members to have opportunities to connect and feel less isolated. Our libraries are critical community resources during pandemics and disasters as well as during "normal" times. Our family has relied on the library during heat waves, for a quiet space for my son to meet with a therapist to work on life skills, for safe outdoor activities in parks when we couldn't be indoors, and for engaging, creative online events when we needed to stay at home.

Our excellent library staff operates Library On the Go vans that serve community members beyond the city limits. They bring books, technology, storytimes, and other resources to some of our most vulnerable residents, including our seniors, people experiencing homelessness, and families with young children.

A common misconception is that Santa Barbara's per capita income exceeds that of our neighboring cities and towns when our per capita is less. When other library branches received extra county funds, they could extend their hours during the pandemic. Santa Barbara had to reduce theirs. The number of Goleta residents using the Santa Barbara Library far exceeds the number of Santa Barbara residents using the Goleta Library. And the vast reference collection serves researchers across the county. Teens who need a safe space also come from across the county, seeking support and guidance.

I ask that you continue to fund the Santa Barbara Public Library without cuts.

Sincerely,

Dena Davis  
Santa Barbara Library Board Member

**de la Guerra, Sheila**

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**From:** Chryss Yost <seayost@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 5:12 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Library Funding (4/12/22 agenda item)

**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.**

Regarding the agenda item eliminating SBPL funding:

I am writing to oppose the proposed elimination of \$800,000 from the Public Library budget. The Library is one of our most cherished and most democratic civic institutions. The Library is a hub of education, literacy, and enrichment. The Library offers FREE life-changing services which are equally available to all residents of our community regardless of age, and which are irreplaceable for low-income residents. The Library is much, much more than a building full of books. Our Librarians are experts in finding ways to support all members of our community. They have their fingers on the pulse, especially for those in greatest need.

As a Santa Barbara Poet Laureate (2013-15), I am an advocate for literacy and community in Santa Barbara County. While the definition of literacy has grown to include a broader range of digital resources in addition to printed books, our Library has evolved to support informed readers and citizens in all these forums. The Library provides rare and essential space for non-commercial gatherings, like the community poetry readings hosted by the Santa Barbara Poetry Series and Mission Poetry Series.

Money spent by the community in support of our Library and well-trained, professional library staff is one of the best investments we can make. I oppose any reduction to the Library's budget.

Sincerely,

Chryss Yost

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Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**de la Guerra, Sheila**

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**From:** George Yatchisin <yatchisin@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 8:37 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** public comment: stop proposed cuts to Santa Barbara Public Library

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Dear County Supervisors--

I am shocked to hear that you are even considering a budget cut to the Santa Barbara Public Library, let alone one for \$800,000. I strongly oppose such a budget cut.

There is no public institution as democratic as a library--it is open to all, no matter age, color, gender, creed, nationality. It is a public good without compare, offering open access to information and so much more--cultural programming, reading programs, after school programs, cutting edge maker spaces. Libraries are souls of communities.

Particularly pertinent to me, the Santa Barbara Public Library has been home for community events that I have helped co-sponsor, the Santa Barbara Poetry Series and Fast & Curious: ED Talks from UCSB's Gevirtz Graduate School of Education. The former brings nationally prominent poets to town, but they share a bill with both a local poet and a local emerging poet, often from one of our town's colleges or high schools. The latter provides snapshots of the exciting teaching, research, and outreach happening at UCSB's graduate school of education, bridging the often large gap between Town and Gown. These are just two of the kinds of essential programs threatened by your draconian suggest budget cut.

Please reconsider this action.

Sincerely,

George Yatchisin  
28-year Santa Barbara resident  
Director of Communications, UCSB's Gevirtz School  
writer for the Santa Barbara Independent and Edible Santa Barbara  
local poet

## de la Guerra, Sheila

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**From:** Laure-Anne Bosselaar-Brown <loranneke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 8:45 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Brown Laure-Anne  
**Subject:** My unconditional support of the Santa Barbara Public Library

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To whom it may concern

I would like to add my voice to many others to urge you not to cut the funding for the Santa Barbara Library. This is a most supportive, important, socially essential institution and I, personally, have profited immensely from their many events, readings, art showings, & educational programs. A library is the HEART of a community, and it will be devastating for so many members of our community if the truly gigantic cut in funds considered would be voted in. This would create a tragic ripple effect for the disadvantaged who only have the library as support for children programs -- literacy, reading tutoring — as well as for a most important adult/senior population (and the bilingual literacy especially!). As a Poet Laureate Emerita of Santa Barbara (2019 to 2021) I ask you with the greatest insistence not to cut the budget of such an essential community service.

Respectfully,

Laure-Anne Bosselaar  
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## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Mary Harris <mvbharris@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 9:44 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public comment on county funding for the Santa Barbara Public Library, for April 12 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.**

I am writing to support continued County of Santa Barbara funding for the Santa Barbara Public Library. The services provided by the library for the entire county community are numerous and varied, and in many cases serve our most vulnerable constituencies. I am very supportive of the library's connections to our artists, writers, musicians, actors and other art practitioners, including frequent art exhibits at the Faulkner Gallery. At a time when the long awaited Michael Towbes outdoor facilities connecting the Library and the SB Museum of Art are about to be built, it would be ironic if funding became constrained for the continuation of the robust educational and artistic offerings the Library is so well equipped to provide.

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