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**To:** [City Council](#); [Neysa Hinton](#); [Diana Rich](#); [Stephen Zollman](#); [Sandra Maurer](#); [Jill McLewis](#); [Lawrence McLaughlin](#); [Mary Gourley](#)  
**Subject:** URGENT - SEB CC Mtg June 20, 2023 Item # 7 LIBRARY - vote yes  
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June 20, 2023

Dear Mayor Hinton and Council Members,

Thank you for agendizing the Library-related issues, addressed by several people at Public Comment on June 6, for tonight's meeting, Item # 7.

I urge you to vote in favor of the draft letter to the Library Director and Library Commission. Importantly, it states that our community, with your involvement and commitment and informed by all the relevant documents, will work to clarify our own goals for our Branch Library, then invite Regional Staff to engage in conversation about the why's and how to's. It's clearly stated that the Ad Hoc intends to work collaboratively with HQS to figure out how our community can be successful within their bureaucracy on our terms. It is key to forge a new relationship.

In considering the Ad Hoc Committee's composition, please empower the Chair to include others, not currently listed in the group in the Staff Report, by his/her later invitation. It may be discovered that a community element is missing or a skilled or engaged community member wants to help.

In selecting a Chair, I encourage Council Member Zollman to volunteer, given his Library-centric past experiences and current assignments.

I'm optimistic about this course of action and hope that you have the same confidence.

Respectfully,

Sarah

The Honorable Sarah Glade Gurney  
Council Member, Retired (2004-2022)  
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