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Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2026 10:11 AM
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Subject: LIB ED's latest statement about O'R

Elissa,

Please share this post on the SEB Times recent article re Glenn M-Z's letter about The Commons to the Council. It is a significant comment from the Library's ED.

Thank you,

Sarah

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Madeline, I want to clarify that your characterization of my comments is not accurate. I did not say that the building was unsuitable, nor did I suggest that Sebastopol should refrain from planning for a new library and leave that work to Library administration.

What I said was that the building's first floor is approximately 5,000 square feet smaller than the preferred 20,000-square-foot library space, and that the staff workroom and meeting space would need to be located on the second floor. These are practical considerations, not a determination that the building is unsuitable.

Under the JPA agreement, the decision to relocate the Sebastopol Regional Library rests entirely with the City of Sebastopol. If the City purchases the building and decides to relocate the library there, the Library will move to that location. Ultimately, this is the City's decision, not the Library's.

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