

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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Comments:

County Commissioners:
I appreciate the efforts of the Commission to create a County Library Board to advise and assist the Commission in allocation of general obligation bond proceeds for library purposes. However, it appears to this resident that the proposed board composition, procedures and schedules would, if adopted, create a more inequitable, contentious, and divisive system for allocation than the system we have previously enjoyed. A reading of the proposed Ordinance leads to a fear that all allocations would be based almost solely on the source of committed revenues to repay the bonds, rather than any equitable sharing taking into consideration needs and services benefiting all citizens of the county. It appears that the most vulnerable and the citizens most needing library services will be overlooked in large part. Therefore, I would respectfully suggest to the Commission that this Agenda item be tabled indefinitely. I would also suggest that instead of a Board populated by those entities seeking the bond proceeds, that instead, we employ an independent consultant as needed to evaluate needs, services and equitable division. In the long run, this would save the County money and encourage cooperation rather than competition. It would also better protect our most vulnerable populations.