

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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**Comments:**

I reside in rural Sandoval County and use our library on a daily basis for electronic resources, physical books, and programs. I rely on those resources as do many of my fellow residents. I know that our library is the beating heart of our community; I also know it struggles to survive. I am deeply concerned about the unfairness of the proposed library ordinance 3-13-24.10 which would not provide fair representation for the allocation of County resources. There are 18 libraries in Sandoval County, 3 of which are in Rio Rancho, 1 each in Bernalillo and Corrales, 8 are Tribal, and 5 are small rural libraries. The ordinance proposes to distribute 3 of 12 seats to Rio Rancho library staff and 3 to "representatives of the City of Rio Rancho," 1 to the City of Bernalillo, 1 to the Village of Corrales, and 4 to the remaining 13 libraries which is grossly unfair, unrepresentative and frankly discriminatory. To make this unfairness even worse, appointment of representatives would be by "a County Commissioner"; not necessarily the Commissioner of the district where those libraries reside. While it may be appropriate to develop a Library Board for the fair distribution of resources, I urge the Commissioners to table this proposed ordinance and devise a different and fair method of representation in a revised ordinance.