

# Library Board of Trustees

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TO: Mayor, Sam Abed; Deputy Mayor, John Masson, Council Member, Ed Gallo; Council Member, Olga Diaz; Council Member, Michael Morasco

FROM: Escondido Library Board of Trustees

SUBJECT: Exploring Alternative Options to Outsourcing the Escondido Public Library

Dear Escondido Mayor and Council Members,

On August 8, 2017, the Library Board of Trustees voted unanimously against the proposal to outsource Escondido Public Library (EPL) management to Library Systems & Services (LS&S) and presented our position formally in a letter to the City Council. We have read and reviewed the study done by the previous Interim Director of Library and Community Services, Cynthia Smith, regarding the possibility of joining the San Diego County Library system. With this information, we find it appropriate to explore the possibility of EPL becoming a branch within the County Library system.

In response to continued efforts to move forward with this privatization, the Trustees would like to formally request that the City Council direct City Staff to submit a request to the County of San Diego's Chief Administrative Office to develop a proposal for the integration of EPL into the County Library System.

Furthermore, in the event that Education code §18910 be legally upheld the Escondido Library Board of Trustees would accept the responsibility of managing the library for the City of Escondido.

We look forward to action being taken towards exploring other outsourcing options prior to a Council vote to sign any contract with LS&S.

Sincerely,

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Library Board of Trustees, President

Mayra Salazar  
Library Board of Trustees, Secretary

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