

Lisa Driscoll

From: Charles Taylor <cmtecca2@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 9:12 AM
To: Lisa Driscoll
Subject: Measure X Funds for Increased Library Hours

Dear Ms. Driscoll,

I am writing to express my support for using funding from Measure X in Contra Costa County to increase library hours county-wide to 56 hours per week.

I am a resident of El Cerrito and a strong supporter of the library as an integral part of the social and economic framework of our city and our county. Libraries are an important place of learning for people of all ages, small children through the end of life. They provide resources, access, information, contacts through the internet, and much more. They are social gathering places for poetry readings, for discussions, for quiet study, a space away from home to sit and think, places to look for work or colleagues. For many of the least advantaged among us, libraries offer a free place to get email, submit job applications, look for housing, find advice videos or books.

Taking advantage of these opportunities hinges on access which hinges on the libraries being open. The funds from Measure X will extend the hours for people in search of ways to improve themselves in the ways mentioned above and more. It is the right thing to do to help with a type of reparations in acknowledging the wrongs of the past and opening the opportunities for people to advance as well as just to participate in the world that is cut off without the library they belong to being open as much as possible.

I hope that you advance this cause to the advisory board for Measure X and that you are successful in doing so.

Sincerely,

Charles Taylor