

## Lisa Driscoll

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Our County Librarian Alison McKee will be appearing before the CCC Measure X Advisory Board on July 28 to present a proposal to utilize some of the Measure X funds to provide for an increase in County provided hours of library operation county-wide to 56 hours a week at each branch, at County expense.

I am sending this public comment to express the El Cerrito Library Foundation's strong, enthusiastic support for County Librarian Alison McKee's proposal.

Outside of the recent increase of library hour support for branch libraries from 35 to 40 hours per week, the County's support for branch operation remained at 35 for way too long. The El Cerrito Library provides Internet access, computer access, literacy and English language improvement programs, to a large number of people who in recent years have had to work two jobs to provide for their families. The increase to 56 hours per week would add more hours at times when these people could use these services.

This proposed increase in library hours would also be in line with the Board of Supervisors values of equity and inclusion in all services provided by the County.

Thank you.

Al Miller,

President, El Cerrito Library Foundation.