

From: [Sharon Cohoon](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; [Parra, Eric \(CM\)](#); [Gates, Michael](#)
Subject: Kalmick, Moser, Bolton resolution on May 7 agenda
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 5:22:23 AM

Please vote for this resolution. Let the voters decide.

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 5/7/2024

Agenda Item No.: 30 (24-350)

From: [Tracy Luth](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda items Library and campaign signs
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 6:07:01 AM

Let it be known that I support city council members Kalmick, Moser, and Bolton in putting the library privatization issue before the voters. Let the citizens decide how we maintain and manage our valued city resource.

In addition, I support Councilperson Kalmick in retiring the practice of allowing campaign signs on city property.

Sincerely,
Tracy Luth

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From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: NO to outsource the management of the libraries to a private company
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 10:24:23 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Athena <karns24@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:37 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>; dan@dankalmick.com
Subject: NO to outsource the management of the libraries to a private company

Hello city council members, I am not sure to whom I need to address this email to, but I am a Huntington Beach resident and have been going to the Huntington Beach libraries from the time I was child, going to the reading time, studying there as a high school and college student and even now as a 36 year old adult. I love the art, the selection of books, the tranquility of the whole place. Not only is the library beautiful outside, it is also beautiful inside as well AND clean (even in the restrooms). Please do NOT outsource the management of the library to a private company, there is NO need for the library management to be outsourced, who even brought that terrible idea up?! Please keep current management the same, they are doing a fantastic job. Also need I remind what happens when you have a private company manage, first they make sure THEY get paid, then they set up their own rules and then we the people have no more say on what they do, they start charging for things that could be free (or a low amount) and they are not transparent in most things and only look to one thing:profit first to themselves and THEN to the library. Outsourcing management will not save money nor will we be getting the same type of service we get now, it will just allocate money to different pockets and cause less money to go to library resources. I want my future children to be able to enjoy the library just as it is, please don't have a management company who doesn't really care about the people of Huntington Beach run one of the most beloved places in Huntington. Please don't change something that's already working, let the people vote on whether this should happen or not, We are the ones who use these facilities! I already know I will vote against this ridiculous idea. I agree that staff need to CEASE any further work on RFP to run HB public libraries until they have heard from the voters in November. I say NO TO PRIVATIZATION OF LIBRARY MANAGEMENT.

Athena karns
Karns24@gmail.com
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose Outsourcing
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 10:24:42 AM

From: miguel reynoso <reynosomlj@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 12:35 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Oppose Outsourcing

I hereby emphatically oppose your proposal to outsource the city of Huntington Beach public library's services, and fully support their stance on this absurd, ludicrous proposition.

Attentively,
Miguel A Reynoso

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Huntington Beach Library
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 10:27:18 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Pohl <2travelinpohls@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 9:10 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Huntington Beach Library

Our City Council has already shown how eager they are to put issues on the ballot for the public to vote on. Our Library has been and continues to be a major resource and help to many residents before most of you lived here. Literacy is the keystone of society and the fact that several of you have admitted they have never having gone to the library until recently speaks volumes about your ability to decide what is appropriate for our library. Also keep in mind that voting for three Council seats is coming in November and this will be a major issue for many voters. Do you want to be known as the Council that puts possible ? profits above constituents? Let Huntington Beach residents use their Voices to vote for or against keeping their library controlled by Huntington Beach and not a private equity for profit company.

Thank you,

Linda and Walter Pohl

Sent from my iPad

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Keep our libraries public!
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:11:03 PM

From: Clara Mora <claraismora@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 9:21 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep our libraries public!

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a resident of Huntington Beach and I would like to express my opinion in advance of the 5/7/2024 city council meeting. I am against outsourcing our public library and believe it should remain public. I am against privatization.

Thank you,

Clara Mora
HB Resident

From: [CHERIE SLOAN](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:21:00 PM

I support our wonderful library staff and am strongly opposed to the proposal to privatize the library.

Sincerely

Cherie Sloan

Joseph Tabet

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Trudy](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:24:26 PM

City Council Representatives,

Here is an opportunity to prove to the people of HB that you are truly listening to the will of the people. Let them speak with their vote...much like the one you forced on the Match ballot regarding the Charter. Show you truly care about this city. So far it seems like you YOUR agenda is the only agenda.

People are waking up to what's going on.

Do the right thing!

Trudy Roe

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From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Public Library
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:40:43 PM

From: Kathleen Deemer <kdeemer@magnoliasd.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 7:01 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Public Library

City Council Members:

As a citizen of Huntington Beach and an avid user of the library , I urge you to keep our library public. Myself and many citizens of HB do not want our library to be handed over to a private source. I have many concerns over this , as I am sure you are aware.

Turning over the library to a for profit company will adversely affect the services provided by the library and adversely affect our community.

I am very concerned that the library will have to shorten hours, lose librarians and do other things to cut cost and make a profit.

The city needs to maintain control of the library and continue to make it a place where the community can learn and thrive.

Please listen to the citizens of HB, who you represent and do not make the library private.

Thank you.

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Kathleen Deemer

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Outsourcing Library
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:40:55 PM

From: Melanie Audy <mrmochismom@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:13 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Outsourcing Library

Dear Representatives,

I am in opposition of our library being privatized. My family & I love our central library so much that we brag about it to more family & friends, even inviting them to join us there as our guests. I've lived long enough to know that change is inevitable, necessary even. The balance to that is keeping precious & important things the same. Our library as it is now is a refuge in our ever-changing world, please keep it that way.

Library Lover,

Melanie Audy
3355 Tempe Drive
Huntington Beach

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: I oppose library outsourcing
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:42:02 PM

From: Krystal White <krystalwhite916@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 9:29 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: I oppose library outsourcing

I'll keep this email short- Stop meddling with the library, it's running fine as it is.

Krystal White
Downtown resident, parent, and library patron

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: NO! Privatization
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:42:29 PM

From: Christina Skoski <chris.skoski@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 10:27 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: NO! Privatization

I'm a long time (49yrs) resident of Huntington Beach and am appalled at the idea of privatization of our public library. Our library does so much more than just lending books, it is a real asset to the community. There is no way that an outside, for profit company would offer anything close to these services.

It is so obvious that the current city council is pushing this simply for political reasons and publicity. It has nothing to do with saving money. Their actions are bringing such bad publicity to our city's reputation. Shame of them. We will remember this at the next election.

NO TO PRIVATIZATION!!

Christina Skoski MD

From: [Kelli Kelly](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:46:38 PM

As a Huntington Beach tax payer I support the charter amendment to require a majority vote of the City Council and a majority vote of the electors of Huntington Beach to approve any proposal that would change the wholesale management of the library, and/or any proposal to operate the library with a private contractor that would employ library staff to achieve cost savings. I also support an advisory vote of the electors of Huntington Beach on whether to hire a third-party contractor to operate the HBPL; a replacement of the current management structure, as proposed by the City Council at its March 19, 2024 meeting. Finally, I'd like to direct the City Manager to cease any further work on the Request for Proposals (RFP) as it relates to the action taken at the March 19, 2024 meeting.

Kelli Kelly

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Kelli Kelly
kelli@kelly.ws

From: [Natalie Zifcak](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; [Van Der Mark, Gracey](#); [Kalmick, Dan](#); [Gomez, Charlene](#); [McKeon, Casey](#)
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:48:22 PM

Hi.

I fully support Agenda Item 24-350 - requiring a vote before there is an RFP for our library.

I don't want to privatize it, and think it's important to decide that first! Before spending time and money on the RFP process.

Please allow our city residents to vote on this matter.

Thanks,

Natalie Zifcak

From: [Steven Christy](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support item #24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:58:37 PM

Do turn our libraries over to a private company!!
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ron Maas](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Don't privatize the library
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:01:19 PM

Stop the nonsense!

Sent from iPad

Ron Maas

From: [Claudia Ross](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:01:56 PM

We have been residents of Huntington Beach for almost 50 years.
We do NOT want our wonderful library privatized!!

We want a vote!!!!
We support Agenda Item 24-350!!!

Sincerely,
Noel Ross
Claudia Ross

From: [Ron Maas](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Stop wasting our money
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:01:59 PM

Don't privatize the library!

Sent from iPad

Ron Maas

From: [Linda Clark](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Library
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:16:19 PM

Leave the library to be operated as it is. I don't want any changes to be made in the operation of the Library. It provides many things to the community, not only to HB residents but also to the surrounding communities.

Thank you.
Linda Clark

From: [Gerald Donohue](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:22:55 PM

I am supportive of item24-350. If we can have a vote on hanging a flag, isn't it possible to have a vote of privatizing a public entity?

From: [JESSICA DOYLE](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support our library
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:24:06 PM

Hello Huntington Beach City council,

I am writing to urge the council to NOT privatize the library.

The library is a fundamental establishment in the community and provides countless resources for the youth of this city. I have spent countless afternoons here with my daughter teaching her how to read, write, and creating lasting memories of the beautiful storytimes in the children's section.

It is sad that all of the funding and grants the library is receiving would be put at risk.

It seems as if the city council does not really want to better the community; they only want to line their pockets.

PLEASE KEEP OUR LIBRARY PUBLIC AND KEEP THE FUNDING AND
VOLUNTEERS COMING!!!!

Sincerely,

Life ling Huntington beach Resident
Jessica Doyle

From: [Thomas Meisenhelder](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:25:43 PM

Good Afternoon,

Please rescind the Library RFP process until there has been a popular vote on the matter.

Most of us love our library!

Yours,
Tom Meisenhelder
20271 Sealpoint Lane

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From: [David Wetzel](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Please allow the HB public a say in the HB Public Library's business model
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:26:02 PM

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk,

Good afternoon and happy Thursday.

As a 50+ year Huntington Beach residents, we would like to encourage the HB City Council to allow the residents of HB to choose the business model for our library. We feel strongly the Council is running at manic pace to enact a long term Library privatization policy that will undoubtedly have unforeseen cost and quality impacts, likely causing the City's taxpayers additional expenses to correct down the road.

We respectfully ask the HB Council to allow the residents of HB to determine a best business model for our library.

The agenda item 24-350, submitted by Council Members Bolton, Kalmick, and Moser - Calls of a vote of the people to privatize/outsource the Huntington Beach Public Library and postpone/terminate RFP Process until after the vote makes sense and gives ALL 7 Council Members the opportunity to listen to the voice of the residents at the ballot box.

The HB Library should not be partisan political issue.

David and Kristine Wetzel
9082 Bobbie Cr. HB CA. 92646

From: [Ginny Bean](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Cc: [Ginny Bean](#)
Subject: Agenda Items 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:51:49 PM

Dear City Council,

I support the agenda item 23-350 shown below for the people of Huntington Beach to decide on the fate of our Library. You added Charter Amendments to the last ballot for Measure A/B/C because you felt that the citizens of HB should decide. This Amendment should be voted on by the citizens also.

It appears that certain City Council members and our Mayor make their minds up before listening to the citizens that send in emails (like myself) and the people who attend the meeting or speak. All the emails and speakers seem to be falling on deaf ears.

This amendment would allow the people to decide not the City Council.

Sincerely,
Virginia Bean
714-325-5240

Direct the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to prepare resolutions, ordinances, and any other materials necessary to place two items for consideration on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot and agendize for a vote at our June 4, 2024 City Council Meeting:

1) A Charter Amendment to require a majority vote of the City Council and a majority vote of the electors of Huntington Beach to approve any proposal that would change the wholesale management of the library, and/or any proposal to operate the library with a private contractor that would employ library staff to achieve cost savings; and,

2) An advisory vote of the electors of Huntington Beach on whether to hire a third-party contractor to operate the HBPL; a replacement of the current management structure, as proposed by the City Council at its March 19, 2024 meeting.

Additionally, direct the City Manager to cease any further work on the Request for Proposals (RFP) as it relates to the action taken at the March 19, 2024 meeting.

From: [Catherine Schwartz](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: [Dan Kalmick](#)
Subject: Support Agenda item 24-350 library
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:51:56 PM

I, Catherine Schwartz, HB resident, support the postponing till the people vote or terminating the RFP regarding the management of the public library!

I am against privatization of the HBPL. I support agenda item 24-350. I have signed the petition to support the HB library. Three family generations in our family enjoy the current library. I saw the opening of this main branch and hope our city council keeps it open by our community volunteers (Friends of the Library) and professional staff & librarians maintaining it, not political appointed individuals or a private management company.

Catherine Schwartz
722 Sandglass Dr.
HB., CA 92648

From: [Lou Ann Hobbs](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:57:55 PM

TO: The City Council

I support Agenda Item 24-350 requiring a vote of the people to privatize/outsource the Huntington Beach Public Library and postpone/terminate the RPF process until after the vote.

The Huntington Beach City Council may lose the current oversight and direction of Library Services Under Privatization of the Library.

I fear that the Council's ongoing concerns and influence over the contents of the library, appointment of Citizen Committees, and other such actions may not be allowed by a private company which contracts to manage all aspects of the Library.

With grave concern, Lou Ann Hobbs. Huntington Beach resident

From: [Mary Thompson](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Privatization of the Library
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:01:10 PM

While I am unable to attend the May 7th City Council meeting, I wanted to take this opportunity to voice my very strong objection to any changes to our current library structure of operations.

I am requesting that the City Manager cease any further work on the Request for Proposals as it relates to the action taken at the March 19, 2024 meeting.

I further request that the city of Huntington Beach electorate have the opportunity to vote on any proposed changes. This should not be a council only decision. It's too important.

Mary Thompson
City of Huntington Beach Resident

From: [Betty Kanne](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda Items #30 and #29
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:02:59 PM

5/2/24

Council Members,

Vote yes to approve May 7, 2024 City Council Agenda Items #30 and #29

These are reasonable, even handed solutions to two quite different issues that are extremely vexing to our beautiful, once tranquil community.

Agenda Item #30 (Library management outsourcing - put it on the ballot)

- Abandon the short-sighted push to cede operational management of our award winning municipal library to a venture-capital backed third party company whose mandate would be to squeeze 20% of our taxpayer dollars into their own east coast venture capital owner's coffers. If you feel there is "waste" of HB taxpayers' dollars in the library budget, then work with current management to identify where efficiencies could effectively be made. Interestingly, HBPL is currently one of the most financially efficient libraries in the state. Outsourcing its management is fiscally unsound. Let the voters' voice be heard on the November Ballot on this important issue. Do not ignore the voice of your constituents.

Agenda Item #29 (Unfettered Political Election Signage equals Visual Blight)

Literally: Clean up our streets! Deescalate the alarming arms race of defacing the public places in every corner of our city during each election season with inescapable, wasteful, misleading, incendiary, anger-banners. I, for one, avoid inviting out-of-town guests to Huntington Beach in the months leading up to an election because of the trashy, hateful, disturbing visual cacophony that is an eyesore to the observer and an acute embarrassment to our residents. It is an inescapable affront to our beautiful community. Further, as a vacation destination it severely erodes the visual aesthetic impact of our city to outside visitors to whom this chaotic visual clutter impacts adversely, leaving a highly negative lasting impression. It is greatly costing our city both directly and indirectly. Do the right thing. Make it go away.

Submitted by,

Betty Kanne
Huntington Beach
(40+ year HB resident, homeowner, unfailing voter)
bettykanne@hotmail.com

From: [Chris Hall](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:05:41 PM

Please do not support Agenda item 24-350. I do not want this supported. I am a tax paying HB resident for 25 years and I would like my request to be counted!

Christine Hall
21401 Pinetree Lane
HB, 92646
Sent from my iPad

From: [Jim Fivash](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: In Support of Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:07:12 PM

Members of City Council:

I urge you to:

Direct the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to prepare resolutions, ordinances, and any other materials necessary to place two items for consideration on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot and agenda for a vote at our June 4, 2024 City Council Meeting: 1) A Charter amendment to require a majority vote of the City Council and a majority vote of the electors of Huntington Beach to approve any proposal that would change the wholesale management of the library, and/or any proposal to operate the library with a private contractor that would employ library staff to achieve cost savings; and, 2) An advisory vote of the electors of Huntington Beach on whether to hire a third-party contractor to operate the HBPL; a replacement of the current management structure, as proposed by the City Council at its March 19, 2024 meeting. Additionally direct the City Manager to cease any further work on the Request for Proposals (RFP) as it relates to the action taken at the March 19, 2024 meeting.

James C. Fivash, PLS
18601 Newland St #128
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

From: [demartino](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:08:19 PM

Please vote in favor of 24-350. The library is too important not to allow the public to weigh in.
Thank you. Valerie Demartino

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

From: njmannion@verizon.net
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Library system of HB
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:09:38 PM

As residents of HB for over 45 years, my husband and I would be very disappointed to see a change in the management and operation of our library system. It would be heartbreaking to lose the many services we now enjoy such as Makers Space, genealogy section, gift shop, gallery for local artists, and most importantly diminishing the research section and stacks of books we now enjoy. I'm sure the city can find a better way to conserve money in lieu of chopping at an asset that so many citizens of HB appreciate.

Norma Jean and Jerry Mannion
6782 Spickard Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

From: [Barbara Shapiro](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:13:57 PM

I support agenda item 24-350.

Any changes to our public library should be subject to a charter amendment.

Let the people vote.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jennie Austin](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Do not privatize the library management !!
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:15:35 PM

Dear HB City Council members and City Manager,
I agree with Council members Moser, Kalmick and Bolton. We need a city-wide vote to decide the future of our beloved public library!! Thank you!

Regards,

Jennie Austin

HB resident

Retired teacher

Library volunteer

FOTL member 10 years

VOTER!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: dfarmer@ix.netcom.com
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: I support HB LIBRARY
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:16:43 PM

Sent using myEarthLink

From: [Phil Collins](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:17:28 PM

Please reconsider privatization of our public libraries. We have been using our library for many years and are members of “ friends of the library “. Our system works very well and we strongly support keeping our library the way it is. Phil and Sylvia Collins, 19217 Seabrook Ln, Huntington Beach, ca 92648
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lisa Swanson](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:37:07 PM

Dear City Councilmembers, please let the City residents have a say on whether our beloved public library is privatized. I've been a loyal library patron for years and almost always have a book checked out. I am also a Friend of the Huntington Beach Library so this is a very important issue to me. Please give me a chance to cast my vote.

Regards,

Lisa Swanson

14+yr resident SE Huntington Beach

From: [Andrea Rousseve](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support our public library
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:56:20 PM

I support our Public Library and do not it to be private !!

I have been a resident of Huntington Beach for 51 years and have used our Public Library during all those years with no problems.

Sincerely,

Mary Rousseve

20441 Clearwood Circle

Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Sent from my iPad

From: [Diane Makas](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: not in favor
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:02:51 PM

I do not support the privatization of our libraries as it is not a cost-saving move, it is a left-wing hidden agenda that is driven by personal opinions and beliefs. It is a total infringement of my constitutional rights and I cannot wait to vote you out of office!

Diane Makas
Resident and retired teacher HBUHSD

From: [Brian Kleeman](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Library proposal.
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:05:41 PM

I still say no privatization.
Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device
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From: [LeeAnn Corral](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: KEEP OUR LIBRARY PUBLIC
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:08:47 PM

Why pick on our libraries? You should be inspiring community members not dividing them.

LeeAnn Corral
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Alexandra Adams](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:29:40 PM

Hi there,

I am a constituent and a mom who loves our library. I've always been a library lover and the HB libraries, especially Central, are exceptional. Story time is incredible, it's more than just a story being read. If you've never been, there are songs, educational interludes that focus on early math and literacy skills, and then an art project at the end that ties it all together depending on what that week's theme is. I am so proud of our library and it is considered one of the best in OC. Nothing should be done to change that. Libraries are about community and should reflect the community within which it resides and serves. Our current library has over 900 volunteers who joyfully give their time to make our library what it is. If the library becomes run by a for-profit, private company, I fear those numbers will significantly dwindle if not disappear entirely.

I'm also a lawyer and I understand what the current council majority is trying to do. However, I request the city manager, city attorney, and city clerk to prepare resolutions, ordinances, and all materials necessary to place two items for consideration on the November 5, 2024 ballot for the General Election. I also ask the agencies for a vote at the June 4, 2024 City Council meeting these same items. These items are:

1. A Charter Amendment to require a majority vote of the City council and a majority vote of the electors of HB to approve any proposal that would change the wholesale management of the library, and/or any proposal to operate the library with a private contractor that would employ library staff to achieve cost savings; and
2. An advisory vote of the electors of HB on whether to hire a third-party contractor to operate the HBPL; a replacement of the current management structure, as proposed by the City council at its March 19, 2024 meeting. Additionally direct the City Manager to cease any further work on the Request for Proposals as it relates to the action taken at the March 19, 2024 meeting.

Privatizing our libraries will take away so much from HB. It has been shown that libraries run by companies like LS&S only focus on popular titles and get rid of lesser known authors or books. The whole point of the library is that it has everything! If you want the popular books, buy it on Amazon.

I also have concerns for the library staff. While I know there is a law signed in 2011 preventing privatizing library operations from agreeing to contracts that would cause library staff to lose their jobs, wages, benefits, or hours, I have concerns with the history of LS&S, the leader in library privatization. In 2017 the company was penalized almost \$70k for wage and hour violations. It is known to devalue staff and the skills librarians possess. LS&S also shows away from any discourse with the public which is a huge concern for those of us who regularly frequent the library. We want to be heard and we want our opinions to matter.

Individuals who cannot afford fees or a private membership will completely lose access to the

thousands of books in the library, and the growth and knowledge that comes with access. Libraries are a refuge, a place where anyone can go for some peace, or to find community, or to gain enlightenment. Our libraries are so vibrant right now. If the current majority got their way, it would dim the light within a huge portion of our community. Please don't do that to HB.

While the city may save a pittance by going private, the community massively loses out.

Be better.

Alexandra Adams

From: [Sharon Cohoon](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:29:54 PM

I totally support this agenda item.

From: [Jeanne Whitesell](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 5:09:28 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I'm contacting you to advise you that I am in full support of the Huntington Beach Public Library and Agenda Item 24-350.\

thank you.

Jeanne Whitesell
17922 Shoreham Lane
HB 92649



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From: [The Silversteins](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 5:40:34 PM

Dear Members of City Council:

As a 44-year proud resident of Huntington Beach, a mother and a grandmother, I would like to urge the acceptance of Agenda Item 24-350 to allow for a Charter Amendment that would require a majority vote of the City Council and a majority vote of the electors of Huntington Beach to approve any proposal that would change the management of the library, and/or any proposal to operate the library with a private contractor. Our library has been in existence for over 100 years. It is a wonderful system that meets the needs of all our residents. It's working well and I cannot see why ANY changes are needed.

Thank you for your consideration.
Deborah Silverstein

From: [Anna Morrison](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support for Huntington Beach Public Library and Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 5:59:40 PM

I support the Huntington Beach Public Library and Agenda Item 24-350.

Thank you,

Anna C. Morrison

From: [Lisa Marin](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 7:03:50 PM

I am writing to express my strong support for agenda item 24–350 to allow the voice of the people of Huntington Beach to be heard. The privatization of the now public library is a serious concern that must be determined by those who use its facilities and services-and pay for its operation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Marín
Huntington Beach, CA

"The cure for anything is salt water: sweat, tears, or the sea."
Isak Dinesen

From: [lisa_radvansky](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: agenda 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 7:10:32 PM

Please support this agenda. Leave our library as is. They do a fantastic job and shouldn't be subject to political plays. Thank-you, Lisa RadvanskyMosley. Mobile Registration Services. Business/homeowner since 2001. Respectfully yours. Lisa.

From: [Alyda Kuntz](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 7:16:22 PM

To whom it may concern,

Please do not privatize our public libraries. They are one of the greatest resources this city has. My children and I greatly enjoy going to the library to checkout books and all the supplemental programming they provide. I find it extremely hard to believe that privatizing them would leave this programming unscathed.

Sincerely,

Alyda Kuntz
8262 Darsy Dr
Huntington Beach

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From: [Patricia Frangente](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Public libraries
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 7:37:45 PM

Sent from my iPhone
Patricia Frangente

From: [Wendy Frankel](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 7:59:05 PM

Please do not privatize your fabulous libraries. Your libraries are an amazing asset in your community. The wonderful people that work in your library are needed to continue the great jobs they are doing in your community. The Friends of the Library want to continue to support your libraries.

Thank you,

Wendy Frankel

Friends of the Huntington Beach Library

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Rasha Conne](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Hbpl
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:05:50 PM

Dear city council members,

I am writing to object to what you are doing to our public library. I support the library being public and not to privatize it. You should ask the community what they want. You are making a lot of changes that are not to benefit our city and I object to the job you're doing.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Barbara Scott](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:44:59 PM

I am a long-time resident of Huntington Beach and use the library at Central Park all the time. I encourage my students to read by taking out books for them because their parents don't have the time to take them. So, I truly hope that those of you wanting to privatize this wonderful library are doing everything you can to make sure it will benefit the most people. The library is busy all the time. so it is definitely an asset to our city.

I've done some research on the internet to look at the pros and cons of going private. I read a survey done in Colorado about going private and this is what they came up with. An analysis of the survey comments showed that nearly three-fourths (73%) contained pro-public management sentiments, while close to one-fourth (23%) were either pro-private or discussed alternatives to the black-and-white, public-versus-private debate. For example, several respondents suggested incorporation as a private, nonprofit entity (such as the New York Public Library) or implementation of business practices into libraries' current management structures.

I thought this was interesting about the NY Public Library. Perhaps this is the way to go with our library? There were also some cons to it such as becoming a 501C3. The NY Public library is a private, non-governmental, independently managed, nonprofit corporation operating with both private and public financing.^[6]

- To register as a nonprofit corporation, the organization typically needs articles of incorporation, by-laws, and an initial group of trustees or officers.
- Once registered as a nonprofit corporation, an organization may become a 501©(3). This is a federal tax status granted by the IRS. It allows donations to the charitable business to be tax-deductible for donors.
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- The process to become a 501©(3) can be cumbersome and time-consuming, often requiring legal assistance.
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- [Public libraries that are government agencies can receive donations, and these donations are tax-deductible for donors without needing 501©\(3\) status1.](#)

I watched a city council meeting on the television and heard our mayor say she had found some almost pornographic books in the middle school section. That really surprised me so was discussing that with several mothers who are very involved in their churches so want their kids to be raised in a faith based family. I was shocked when they said that most kids look up stuff worse than that on the internet, so it shouldn't be that big of a deal if it is in the library!

I'm also surprised that the librarians would consider these healthy for that age. Have the members who want this change in how the library is run, interviewed the librarians and asked what their views are of these types of books? Perhaps they were bought many years ago and haven't been considered for their content in today's world. Any mention of censorship immediately creates havoc in our divided world.

I think it would be more democratic to allow Agenda item 24-350 be passed and then the choice be on the ballot in November to let the citizens decide.

Sincerely,

Barbara Scott

From: [judy.gaglione](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 9:06:04 PM

I do not want "our" public library to be privatized. Leave my library alone!!!

From: [Frances Spencer](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 9:41:18 PM

To start allowing people with an agenda decide what books we may read, what news we may watch, which religion we must follow is a dangerous path that leads to an oppressive, untenable society. Please leave our successful library alone.

From: [Carol](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 10:00:46 PM

~Carol (sent from my iPhone, sorry for any errors!)

From: [Carol Shi](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 10:01:01 PM

From: [Judy Standerford](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda Item 24-250 , May 7, 2024
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 5:15:38 AM

I am writing in support of agenda item 24-350. Please vote in favor of this item. The Huntington Beach Public Library is too important to the community for a decision such as privatization to be made by four people who are not familiar with all that the library services provide. The library users – the taxpayers! – should have a say in this decision. The discussions and support thus far are definitely in favor of keeping the library public. To have this resource decimated by an uninformed, small minority of the citizenry is not democratic. To justify this action by saying we need to save money is completely indefensible. We can save much more money by asking the city attorney to stop filing unwinnable lawsuits.

On a larger note – we live in a democracy governed by a constitution. The constitution guarantees free speech. Pulling books from the library shelves is NOT democratic or free speech. Free speech means free speech for everyone whether you agree with them or not. As has been explained over and over again – there are many safeguards in place to keep YOUR child from reading what you don't want them to read. But that does not mean that MY child has to live by your same exclusionary, divisive and fundamentalist views.

From: [Andrew Einhorn](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: For City Council Members
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 5:56:12 AM

HB City Council

**I support Agenda item 24-350, Stop destroying
our Library and do not privatize.**

Sincerely,

Andrew Einhorn

40-year HB resident

From: [Lorri Woods](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 24-350
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 5:59:06 AM

I support the agenda item to keep our libraries public!

Lorri Woods

HB citizen

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From: [Eric Smith](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Public Library Support
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 7:22:14 AM

Hello,

I want to voice my strong opinion that the Huntington Beach Public library should remain as is, handled by the city. Part of the joy of raising my children in this city is that our local libraries are staffed with folks that are part of our community.

Hiring an outside staffing agency is a massive detriment to the community here in Huntington Beach.

Sincerely,

Eric Smith
805-794-4045

From: [James Davis](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 8:00:50 AM

Hello,

My name is James Davis and I live a two minute walk from the main street library. I'm writing to ask you for your support to maintain our library system the way it is. When I first bought a home in Huntington I was so mortgage poor that I couldn't even afford internet and the library was our family choice for entertainment. We love our library!

Thanks for your consideration,

James Davis

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Shari Austin](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 8:42:32 AM

Dear HB counsel -

I have researched other towns that have allowed privatization of their libraries, and see NO benefit for Huntington Beach to go this route. The financial impact is only part. Please don't spoil one of the best libraries in California. Leave it to our volunteers to continue the good work.

Thank you!

Shari Austin

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Evan Oxhorn](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Don't Privatize the Library
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 9:41:56 AM

I love the library as is. It is a beautiful space for all HB residents to enjoy, with a great selection of books and programming that directly improves the community.

I'm also very concerned about the appearance of corruption with this proposal. It seems like a corporate handout for politically connected insiders. There is no need to privatize.

At a minimum, this should be up for public vote.

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Evan Oxhorn
evanoxhorn@gmail.com
(760) 815-0929

From: [Nancy Bigda](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 10:47:18 AM

I am in FULL SUPPORT of Agenda Item 24-350, that the **PEOPLE** should decide if **OUR LIBRARY** should be privatized and it should be put on the ballot on November 5th.

Also the city manager should cease any further work on the RFP, Request for proposals.

Nancy Bigda

From: ddsorge@cs.com
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 12:15:45 PM

Honorable Huntington Beach City Council,

The citizens of HB are the proud owners of our library, it is not owned by a small group of fleeting city council members who seem to assume sole authority. Privatization is a significant & impactful step; community consensus is paramount. In response, a critical and wide outcry has occurred, put it to public ballot measure and vote. The broad and richly diverse community of HB has the right & obligation to determine this major action. It is far too important to be maneuvered in quick impulse by a paltry few, particularly in view of the extraordinary long and fine duration of library operations. Better yet, wise up and end this foolhardy act.

Our remarkable library and its varied resources are the wonderful realization of prodigious time & effort, cherished in vision & dedicated in excellence. It is a grand and admirable community asset where cultural enrichment is its only focus. Never was it intended to be managed as a private, for-profit enterprise, our forefathers would not be pleased.

Now a contingent of entitled council propose to speedily toss library management to a private firm, likely non-local, a firm motivated by earning incentives, prime modus operandi - profit. Would staff excellence and dedication as it now exists continue under profit based private management, categorically not. Would staff enthusiasm, the natural joy of public service in sharing knowledge flourish under the repercussions of private gain? **No, the quality of staff would diminish**, it is a resistant force. Library funding is publicly resourced which is wholly transferred in quality and service back to our community. Enabling an intermediary profiteering will only squeeze public enhancement, over time the gears of private earnings would grind away its uniquely precious essence.

The "public" library has evolved into a unique cultural oasis, like a grand social philanthropist selflessly & perpetually giving, its priority humanitarianism, altruism in its finest form. As a profit driven resource, it would regress below esteemed principled & practice ideals. Do not degrade the noble 1731 tradition of Benjamin Franklin and the uniquely unbiased norms held by libraries nation-wide & globally. Do not commodify and bastardize this precious jewel of the people. To be crystal clear, among our librarians many managerial and care responsibilities under their purview, foremost is simple yet profound, it is to increase well-being as much as possible and for as many people as possible. Our librarians meet this high standard & their commitment to fine public service is laudatory. The meager cost is well worth the richness given universally to all our residents, young, old, rich & poor equally, our most precious resource. Privatizing services compromises that, stop this action.

David Sorge

8165 Dartmoor Drive, HB

From: [Isabella Ford](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Please cancel the RFP to hire a third-party contractor to operate the HBPL
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 12:16:52 PM

If you still want to explore hiring a third-party contractor to operate HBPL, then support council agenda item 24-350.

Our library is amazing because of the people that have been working and volunteering there. Listen to those that work and volunteer and understand that this RFP the four have requested at the March 19th threatens so much that is positive about our city.

Isabella Ford
714-308-0660

From: [martha bergman](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda item 24-350
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 1:22:20 PM

I strongly support the Huntington Beach Public Library and Agenda Item 24-350. Please at the very least give the people of this city the chance to vote on whether or not we want a privatized library, or any significant changes to our library! Prove that you value the voices of your constituents.

Sincerely,
Martha Bergman
Huntington Beach resident for 57 years

From: [Patricia Robitaille](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Do not allow library to be privatized
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 1:43:33 PM

We are teachers and are in support of libraries and are totally against switching to a third party.
This issue has to be put on the ballot so all voters can make the decision one way or another. The HB council should not be allowed to make the decision.

Rich & Pati Robitaille

From: [Linda Moore](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 1:48:08 PM

I am emailing to let you know I enthusiastically support Agenda Item 24-350.

From: [SUSAN MORABITO](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: I support a vote of the people on whether to privatize/outsource the Huntington Beach Public Library and postpone/terminate RFP Process until after the vote.
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 2:14:55 PM

Susan Morabito

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: In support of agenda item 24-350
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 2:29:27 PM

From: Krystal White <krystalwhite916@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:28 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: In support of agenda item 24-350

I'm another supporter of agenda item 24-350. I'm expecting another canned response from Casey and for the 4 to vote against it as they don't seem very interested in public input and likely have their minds made up. Writing to share my support of 24-350 anyway.

From a parent whose kids have been enjoying the library since they were tiny, I want to thank those that do listen and that want to protect our city's most valuable resources.

Krystal White

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Agenda Items #30 and #29
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 2:32:09 PM

From: Betty Kanne <bettykanne@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:02 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda Items #30 and #29

5/2/24

Council Members,

Vote yes to approve May 7, 2024 City Council Agenda Items #30 and #29
These are reasonable, even handed solutions to two quite different issues that are extremely vexing to our beautiful, once tranquil community.

Agenda Item #30 (Library management outsourcing - put it on the ballot)
- Abandon the short-sighted push to cede operational management of our award winning municipal library to a venture-capital backed third party company whose mandate would be to squeeze 20% of our taxpayer dollars into their own east coast venture capital owner's coffers. If you feel there is "waste" of HB taxpayers' dollars in the library budget, then work with current management to identify where efficiencies could effectively be made. Interestingly, HBPL is currently one of the most financially efficient libraries in the state. Outsourcing its management is fiscally unsound. Let the voters' voice be heard on the November Ballot on this important issue. Do not ignore the voice of your constituents.

Agenda Item #29 (Unfettered Political Election Signage equals Visual Blight)
Literally: Clean up our streets! Deescalate the alarming arms race of defacing the public places in every corner of our city during each election season with inescapable, wasteful, misleading, incendiary, anger-banners. I, for one, avoid inviting out-of-town guests to Huntington Beach in the months leading up to an election because of the trashy, hateful, disturbing visual cacophony that is an eyesore to the observer and an acute embarrassment to our residents. It is an inescapable affront to our beautiful community. Further, as a vacation destination it severely erodes the visual aesthetic impact of our city to outside visitors to whom this chaotic visual clutter impacts adversely, leaving a highly negative lasting impression. It is greatly costing our city both directly and indirectly. Do the right thing. Make it go away.

Submitted by,

Betty Kanne
Huntington Beach
(40+ year HB resident, homeowner, unfailing voter)
bettykanne@hotmail.com

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Agenda Item #30
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 2:32:34 PM
Attachments: [image6.png](#)

From: Lily Jacinto <lilycabrera@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:27 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda Item #30

Hello Dan Kalmick, Natalie Moser, and Rhonda Bolton,

I'm writing you about Agenda Item #30, do you feel these pornographic books (Gender Queer, Let's Talk About It, etc) are appropriate for young children?

As a parent and grandmother, I do not think these pornography books should be available to young children! It's inappropriate for young children to check these out. These books should be in a separate secured area of the library. Just like movies have Ratings, these books should as well.

R - Restricted , NC-17 No one 17 and under admitted, clearly adult, children are not allowed, PG-13 Parents strongly cautioned and PG - Parental guidance suggested.

If a parent wants to check out one of these books for their child it's their right, but it should be the parent's discretion and NOT the librarians.

So with that being said, if Kalmick, Mosser and Bolton believe these porn books are ok, I dare you to bring them to the meeting and read them aloud while showing the community some of the graphic illustrations. This way you'll get a feel for how the community feels about these books.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Jacinto

PS: Even Facebook found these graphic porn illustrations (from the books noted below) offensive, took them down and said they contained:
Nudity or Sexual activity



GENDER QUEER



FLAMER





From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Please support putting privatization of our library on the ballot
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 2:32:46 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Julie Ford <fordsjtt@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 10:20 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Please support putting privatization of our library on the ballot

City council

As a 40 year citizen of Huntington Beach I strongly support our library system

We value the opportunities provided as well as the services

My sister lives in Escondido where privatization occurred. They are not happy

If you continue to push this issue let the citizens you represent choose on a ballot

Thank you. Julie Ford, DDS

Julie

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: May 7, 2024 - Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 2:32:54 PM

From: Judy Standerford <judystanderford@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 5:17 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: May 7, 2024 - Agenda Item 24-350

I am writing in support of agenda item 24-350. Please vote in favor of this item. The Huntington Beach Public Library is too important to the community for a decision such as privatization to be made by four people who are not familiar with all that the library services provide. The library users – the taxpayers! – should have a say in this decision. The discussions and support thus far are definitely in favor of keeping the library public. To have this resource decimated by an uninformed, small minority of the citizenry is not democratic. To justify this action by saying we need to save money is completely indefensible. We can save much more money by asking the city attorney to stop filing unwinnable lawsuits.

On a larger note – we live in a democracy governed by a constitution. The constitution guarantees free speech. Pulling books from the library shelves is NOT democratic or free speech. Free speech means free speech for everyone whether you agree with them or not. As has been explained over and over again – there are many safeguards in place to keep YOUR child from reading what you don't want them to read. But that does not mean that MY child has to live by your same exclusionary, divisive and fundamentalist views.

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Support Agenda Item #30 for Charter Amendment
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 2:33:17 PM

From: Diana Lithgow <lithgownp@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 10:03 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Support Agenda Item #30 for Charter Amendment

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

I support Agenda Item #30 that would place a Charter Amendment on the November 2024 General Election Ballot to let voters decide whether they want to turn over management of our PUBLIC libraries to a PRIVATE, FOR PROFIT corporation.

Thank you,
Diana and Douglas Lithgow

19841 Flagstone Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Homeowner since 1984

Diana Lithgow, PhD, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, FAANP
Professor of Nursing
College of Graduate Nursing
Western University of Health Science
909-469-5523 (CGN Office)
DLithgow@WesternU.edu

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: I Support Agenda Item #30
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 2:33:29 PM

From: Clare Lithgow <clarekapin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 10:13 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: I Support Agenda Item #30

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

I am in support of Agenda Item #30 which would place a Charter Amendment on the November 2024 General Election Ballot to let voters decide whether they want to turn over management of our public libraries to a private corporation.

Kind regards,

Clare Lithgow
8441 Dallas Cir.
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Proposal to have citywide vote in November on library issue
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 2:33:42 PM

From: Linda Peterson <linda17612peterson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 10:18 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Proposal to have citywide vote in November on library issue

This proposal should pass next Tuesday 7 to 0 as it is to the advantage of all. A citywide vote in November is important. This library issue is just as vital to the citizenry as the vote on building the Senior Center was a few years back. All the council members should exercise good sense on this one next Tuesday!

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Library proposal for next Tuesday's meeting
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 2:33:48 PM

From: Linda Peterson <linda17612peterson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 11:12 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Library proposal for next Tuesday's meeting

The library proposal for the meeting next Tuesday is a very good one that should pass 7-0 as it is to everyone's advantage. A citywide vote on the November ballot to settle the library issue absolutely should take place. This issue is every bit as important as the vote of the HB citizenry a few years back on building our Senior Center - probably more important. Let's have all our council members exercise good judgement next Tuesday!

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Comment for Item 30 on May 7th, 2024 HB City Council meeting
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 3:19:07 PM

From: Monika Goodwin <monikagoodwin@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 3:17 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Comment for Item 30 on May 7th, 2024 HB City Council meeting

Dear City Council Members,

As a Huntington Beach citizen and home owner I sincerely ask and request that you NOT plan on a Charter Amendment to privatize our public libraries, and also NOT to place this amendment on the Nov. 2024 election ballot.

Thank you
Monika Goodwin and family
HB

From: [laura sire](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 24-350
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 3:20:24 PM

Dear HB City Council Members,

This is Laura Sire, long time resident of Huntington Beach. I'm writing in strong support of Agenda item 24-350. The long-standing successful operation of our Huntington Beach Public Library System deserves a vote by the population of its residents. As our Public Libraries are a cornerstone of free speech and democracy, a political body should not decide what is clearly under the purview of the people. Please honor the citizens of Huntington Beach and place the matter of the operation of our Libraries on the ballot for the general election in November.

Thank you for your consideration,
Laura Sire

From: [Leslie Golson](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda Items 24-337 and 24-350
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 4:25:57 PM

To Huntington Beach City Council,

I am in favor of Agenda Item 24-337, the sign code update. Campaign signs have been a blight on our city for far too long. Please follow examples of other nearby cities by restricting the size campaign signs and limiting them to private property only.

I am in favor of Agenda Item 24-350. Let voters decide whether they want to privatize the library on the November 2024 ballot, and postpone the RFP process until after the vote.

I would also like to honor the life and work of Shirley Dettloff, who gave of herself tirelessly to the city of Huntington Beach.

Thank you,

Leslie Golson
Resident