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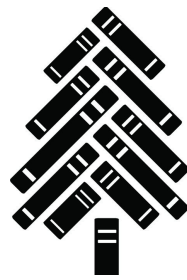
To: Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

The Friends of the Truckee Library request that the Board reschedule agenda item 10 until after the county staff has received input from the Truckee community and has considered the appropriateness and scope of the contract for re-designing the Truckee Branch of the County Library. The currently proposed contract considers the complete renovation of the interior and exterior of the library. Structural changes would include "hard landscaping," sidewalks, parking, and changed access to the library's first and second levels. Spending money to design these changes without taking into account the interests of the local community and the community's plans for a new library is an unwise use of Measure A funds.

We do not support the proposed contract's use of Measure A funds to make structural changes that conflict with the community's desire for a new and larger library. The design contract does not reflect any consideration of the new library or the shortcomings of the current library. A re-design of the current library should be directed at improving existing services until the new library becomes a reality. The funds should not be spent based on the misguided assumption that the exterior remodeling and access changes will improve services or advance the goal of a new library.

The Truckee community fully appreciates the inadequacy of the current library and there is broad local support for a new and bigger library. For example, Truckee's special districts collaborated with the Town in selecting an appropriate library site that will be enhanced by surrounding land uses. The Truckee Town Council then voted unanimously to move forward with a 20,000 sq. ft. new library /community center in Regional Park at their February 12, 2019 meeting. The County should take these events into account and become a partner in our efforts.


We are asking the county to reconsider a major remodel within an existing library space of approximately 4,300sq. ft. and the conceptual plan that will cover the complete renovation of the interior and exterior of an existing library that is inadequate for Truckee's needs. We feel this is a waste of Truckee's taxpayers'



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money. Little has been spent on the Truckee library in the last 20 years to better serve our community of 16,000+ year round residents, Measure A tax dollars would be better spent on the new library and improving services in the existing library.

Sincerely,
Louise Zabriskie
President, Truckee Friends of the Library


April 7, 2019

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors
c/o Julie Patterson Hunter, County Clerk
clerkofboard@co.nevada.ca.us

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a permanent resident of the Town of Truckee and a Nevada County taxpayer and voter. I am writing this letter with respect to item 10 on the agenda for your meeting on April 9, 2019.

I object to the Gensler contract for renovation design for the Truckee Library on several grounds and ask that you postpone your April 9 vote on it. I furthermore respectfully request that you direct that a completely different approach be taken to the needs of the Truckee community regarding its public library.


I understand that the Nevada County Library system is planning to undertake a \$500,000 interior and exterior renovation of the existing Truckee Library. This plan has had absolutely no input from the Truckee community. Had this been done, you would have learned that the Truckee library is woefully undersized for Truckee's population and does not and cannot be made to accommodate the services and space requirements of a modern community library suited to the size and needs of the Truckee community.

Truckee needs a completely new and different library building. Sinking half a million dollars into the existing building is, I am sorry to say, putting "lipstick on a pig." The Measure A tax funds for this renovation, of which the Gensler contract is a part, would better serve the community if allotted toward the new library project favored by the Truckee community.

Truckee, with a permanent population of approximately 16,000 is the largest municipality in Nevada County and has a grossly undersized and outdated library building that cannot provide adequate technology access or education, cannot accommodate study or meeting rooms, and cannot house an expanded collection. Nevada City, with a population of approximately 3,000, benefits from two libraries, a historical research library housed in the old Carnegie library building and a modern library featuring a technology center (complete with 3-D printer), community room, study rooms and an outdoor amphitheater. The inequity of this situation is striking.

I ask that you direct the Nevada County Library system to completely re-think its approach to the future of the Truckee Library and actively engage with the Truckee community to do this.

Very truly yours,


Deirdre Henderson

From: [Julie Patterson-Hunter](#)
To: [All BOS Board Members](#)
Cc: [Alison Lehman](#); [Alison Barratt-Green](#); [Steve Monaghan](#); [Yolande Wilburn](#); [Lelia Loomis](#)
Subject: FW: Approval of \$45k in architectural services for Truckee Library (agenda item #10, SR 19-0256)
Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 8:26:46 AM

From: Lisa Holan [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] April 8, 2019 4:33 PM

To: clerkboard@co.neveda.ca.us; bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.neveda.ca.us>; Richard Anderson <Richard.Anderson@co.neveda.ca.us>

Subject: Approval of \$45k in architectural services for Truckee Library (agenda item #10, SR 19-0256)

Dear Supervisors and County Clerk,

I am writing today to encourage you to please *not approve* the contract for \$45,000 for architectural services to remodel the Truckee Library. As you know, the Truckee community has been working very hard to find a solution to improve our library, and moving forward with a remodel of our current library undermines our efforts toward a better solution - namely, an entire new library at a new site.

The money proposed for remodeling the current library (\$45k in architecture fees + \$500k in remodeling costs) could be much more usefully put toward efforts for a new library. The current library building is too small to effectively serve our community, we need a *new* library. Putting a band aid on the currently library is a waste of our tax dollars.

This item has not been available for public comment. The people it affects in Truckee are not likely to make the trek down to Nevada City on a weekday morning, with only a couple days notice of this item on the agenda. Any comments you do get will be only a small indication of the opinions in our community about funding a remodel.

Please do not approve this \$45k contract without adequate opportunity for public input and further consideration of the pros and cons of moving forward with a remodel versus other options.

Thank you,

Lisa Holan

20 year Truckee resident, frequent library patron, committed voter

From: [Julie Patterson-Hunter](#)
To: [All BOS Board Members](#)
Cc: [Alison Lehman](#); [Alison Barratt-Green](#); [Steve Monaghan](#); [Yolande Wilburn](#); [Lelia Loomis](#)
Subject: FW: Feedback on Truckee Library + Possible Architectural Contract
Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 8:24:33 AM

From: Ashley Hughes [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 8:09 AM
To: bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Feedback on Truckee Library + Possible Architectural Contract

Dear Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in opposition to a \$45,000 contract with M. Arthur Gensler Jr. & Associates, Inc. for architectural design services regarding a \$500,000 extensive external and internal remodel of the Truckee Library. To me, this is throwing good money after bad, given the amount of work it would take to renovate the existing library building to meet the community's needs and provide a modern-day facility, versus building a new facility in a more desirable location.

There has been no public input on this project, nor does it take into consideration the potential new library, the space inadequacy of the existing library or the overall input and needs of the Truckee community. I am requesting a portion of the Measure A funds set aside for the remodel, instead, be used for Truckee's work for a new library. I do not believe a \$500,000 remodel is a good use of our Measure A tax funds.

I urge the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to vote "no" on this contract until further community input is obtained.

Thank you,

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From: [Julie Patterson-Hunter](#)
To: [All BOS Board Members](#)
Cc: [Alison Lehman](#); [Alison Barratt-Green](#); [Steve Monaghan](#); [Yolande Wilburn](#); [Lelia Loomis](#)
Subject: FW: NO to the Remodel!!
Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 8:34:39 AM

From: Nikki Dean [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 8:24 AM
To: Clerk of Board <ClerkofBoard@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: NO to the Remodel!!

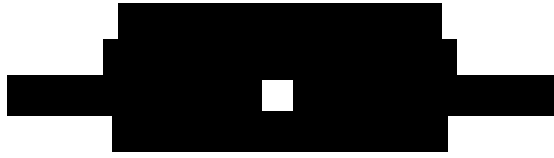
Hi there.

I understand that you are considering spending money to remodel the Truckee library. As a Truckee resident for nearly a decade, raising my two sons here and paying taxes, I OBJECT to any money being spent on renovations to our current library. We have strong community support, along with local government support to the idea of building a new library. The current library is too small and poorly located to meet the needs of our town. Spending money on a remodel would be a complete waste of resources!!

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Nikki Dean
Truckee resident

MICHELLE J. LUMIA, EA, CFP®



April 7, 2019

Nevada County Board of Supervisors

Via email

clerkboard@co.nevada.ca.us

Re: Use of Measure A Funds for Remodel of the Truckee Library
SR 19-0256 Scheduled for Consideration on April 9, 2019

To the Nevada County Board:

This letter is to request the Board of Supervisors scratch consideration of SR 19-0256 scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

We who love the library are of the opinion an expenditure of \$45,000 for design services and \$500,000 for remodel fails the "good use" test of taxpayer funds.

I believe both the Board of Supervisors and community will be best served by allowing community input for this use of Measure A funds because every Measure A dollar is a precious dollar.

We need time to make the case to the board that a good portion of the considered funds will reach highest and best use creating our new library.

Please respect this request by rescheduling the vote now on the agenda for April 9, 2019 in order to consider the needs of the Truckee community.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Lumia