



Julia Johnson
Mayor

January 24, 2018

Commissioners Lisa Janicki, Ken Dahlstedt & Ron Wesen
1800 Continental Place, Suite 100
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

RE: Central Skagit Library Trustee vacancy/appointment

Dear Commissioners:

The City of Sedro-Woolley and the Central Skagit Rural Partial County Library District have now executed five interlocal agreements creating a long-term partnership between the two entities to own, build and operate a library in Sedro-Woolley for the benefit of nearly 26,000 Skagit County residents.

One of the central tenants to Mayor Wagoner's proposed library partnership concept was city representation on the district board of trustees. Early drafts of the partnership included language to address this issue, but were not included in the final executed agreements because the decision-makers as to the composition of the board of trustees are you, the Skagit County Commissioners, who are not party to our partnership agreements. The district did, however, amend its bylaws to clearly allow city residents to be trustees in an effort to address this interest.

The board of trustees is comprised of five members with staggered five year terms. One trustee position expires annually and indeed there is one vacancy next month. On behalf of the city, I am writing to request that you help honor our partnership and years of public process and hard work to achieve this partnership by appointing a city resident to this open seat. Specifically, I am requesting that you appoint Darcy Resetar to serve as the new trustee for the library district.

We have worked hard to achieve agreements that will stand the test of time and result in a new, bigger, better library with more hours and more services to serve a combined regional population of 26,000 residents. It is very important to the city that a resident of the city be appointed to the board. I appreciate your consideration and support for our partnership.

Sincerely,

CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY


Julia Johnson, Mayor