

SAVE OUR ESCONDIDO LIBRARY COALITION

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North County Inland



ECOC
Escondido Chamber of Citizens

July 28, 2017

Chairman Guiles and Library Trustees
Escondido Library Board of Trustees
Via Email csmith@escondido.org

Dear Chairman Guiles and Trustees,

Many members of local community groups including Escondido Indivisible, Together We Will Inland, Escondido Chamber of Citizens, and the Escondido Democratic Club were present at the July 11, 2017 meeting of the Trustees. We found the 'informative' presentation of Library Systems and Services very lacking in any meaningful information about the company, the proposal to take over our library services, or their past track record.

As a result, we have endeavored to conduct some of our own fact-finding and request an opportunity to share it with you. By this letter, the member organizations of the Save Our Escondido Library Coalition are requesting 15 minutes to present an independent vendor assessment of information we have found about LS&S not presented in July. We request this accommodation on the August 8th meeting prior to the Trustee discussion of privatization of our library services or making any recommendation. Ms. Whitney McCoy, an MLIS candidate, will be the presenter. Because the City has, apparently, disallowed our own librarians to discuss the situation, we are grateful that Ms. McCoy is willing to share information with you.

As an example, just one fact we found speaks volumes about what our future might look like under LS&S control. Although they have managed the Riverside library system for years, compared to the comparably sized San Diego Public Library system, LSS employed 77 fewer professional MLIS librarians than the San Diego System and spent over \$500,000 **less** on children's material.

There are many more insights we hope to share with the Board of Trustees at your August 8 meeting.

Please let us know if you will include our presentation in the agenda by informing us at escondidoindivisible50@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration of our request,

*Escondido Chamber of Citizens
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Cc Ms. Cynthia Smith, Staff Representative