



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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December 19, 2013

Mayor Wade Byers
City of Gladstone
525 Portland Avenue
Gladstone, OR 97027

Dear Mayor Byers,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, as the governing body of the Library District of Clackamas County, in response to your letter dated October 22, 2013 regarding the Gladstone Library project.

In that letter, you state that the June 30, 2014 deadline to reach a mutually agreed solution was very ambitious and requested ***that the County consider allowing the City until November, 2014 to obtain voter approval provided that substantial progress has been demonstrated by June 30, 2014.***

We understand that a November vote may be the more realistic alternative in seeking voter approval. The County would be supportive of that election date. However, the County will need written assurances from the City by June 30, 2014 that a Library Construction measure will be on the November 2014 ballot. Further, all required elections material must be submitted to the Clackamas County Elections Clerk by the end of August 2014 to ensure a November 2014 election.

We remain committed to working with the City of Gladstone if they construct a new city library facility that will provide threshold levels of services to the citizens in the Gladstone service area defined in the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Gladstone, the County and the County Library Service District.

We would recommend that the City of Gladstone closely involve the local community to guide your library planning effort. This should include citizens from throughout the proposed Gladstone Library Service Area who both supported and opposed previous library facility proposals. We believe this will provide Gladstone the best opportunity for creating a plan that enjoys broad community support.

If the City of Gladstone is unable to fulfill its obligations in the IGA through the successful passage of a library funding measure in November 2014 then the County will need to pursue alternatives to providing library services to the unincorporated citizens within the planned Gladstone service area.

Sincerely,

John Ludlow, Chair
On Behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

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