

Veronica Hallam

From: Keri Sheerin <o2yoga.wellness@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Douglas Co. Public Library
Subject: Public Comment/investigation

Board of Trustees
Douglas County Public Library

Im writing to publicly show my support for the Douglas County Library and to suggest a reconsideration of the proposed investigation. Please do not spend unnecessary, and to my understanding unavailable budget to fund the proposed investigation. I would also like it noted that I believe a diversity statement should be part of Douglas County Library.

Warmly
Keri Sheerin
Gardnerville, Nevada

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From: Joan Dupuis <dupuisx3@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Douglas Co. Public Library
Subject: public comment

This email is to officially serve as my request to discontinue the idea of a costly investigation into facts involving a proposed "draft of language" submitted for review by the Library Director. The entire set of circumstances surrounding this has been made public and investigated by the County, the public, the media and the top Law Enforcement agency in Nevada, The Office of the Attorney General. The spending of a large amount of the limited budget the Library has on this action, that has already been investigated, is negligent spending. I believe a diversity statement is important and appropriate. Simply remove the #Black Lives Matter if that is the sticking point.

Respectfully,

Joan DuPuis
Minden, NV

Jane Lommel
PO Box 1444
Gardnerville, NV 89410
September 29, 2020
Sent via Email

Douglas County Public Library
1625 Library Lane
Minden, NV 89423

Re: Investigation Authorized on August 25
Letter from Scott Doyle dated August 30, 2020

Dear Library Trustees,

I stand in support of Scott Doyle's (Doyle) request to place an item on the Agenda for Discussion and Possible Action.

In the meantime, I would ask that the Trustees and or Wendy Lang request the contracted firm to desist from further work on the contract pending possible rescission of the contract, as is provided for in Paragraph 7.

I highlight Doyle's comment that this action was premature. In addition the lack of detailed offered in the Board minutes suggests that the scope of the investigation was not determined prior to the action to approve the investigation.

The Agreement for Professional Services was signed by Kate Garrahan, Chair on September 8, 2020. As the Agreement is for services from September 8 to November 8 and termination is not effective until 15 days after notice, time is of the essence.

As Doyle illustrates, the funds for this investigation are not budgeted. This suggests that there will ultimately be a reduction in funds available for purchasing books. Books are the business of the library. This is why the public supports a library with their tax dollars and their charitable donations and time.

If you think your reputation has been tarnished, I urge you to reread Doyle's comments on Page 9. Your reputation is earned by doing your job and spending meager resources judiciously.

I urge you to put a halt to the investigation while the need for it to continue can proceed through a complete and open process and be evaluated based on facts. As stated above, time is of the essence. I urge you to mind the timeframes committed to in the Agreement and engagement letter with the outside investigators.

Sincerely
Jane Lommel

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From: Brenda McCloud <bmccloud1954@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 7:06 AM
To: Douglas Co. Public Library
Subject: Board of Trustees meeting of Sept 30, 2020, 10:00am

Board of Trustees:

We are a retired attorney and and a former library director with an MLIS. We are writing in total support of the letter to you of Scott Doyle of August 30, 2020 sent to you by email on August 31, 2020.

We recommend that the Board rescind its previous action authorizing an investigation into the actions of the library director and staff concerning the incident with the Sheriff. We further recommend that, in accordance with Mr. Doyle's letter, the Board adopt the following statement:

The Douglas County Public Library denounces all acts of violence, racism, and disregard for human rights. We resolutely assert and believe that all forms of racism, hatred, inequality, and injustice do not belong in our society.

***John & Brenda McCloud
Gardnerville***

Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
9/30/2020

Public Comment
Voicemail received at 9:57 a.m. on 9/30/2020

Dictation

Marie Johnson – I'm a resident and taxpayer of Douglas County. I was a board member of the library foundation for a short period of time. I implore you as the library trustees to sever the contract you have with the investigation of the library director. There's no need to go into that any further. If you read Mr. Doyle's letter I think it explains it all very well. I would like you to use your full authority as the trustees to investigate the situation of the sheriff but just ask other sources, do not use the library's sources to investigate the director. Nothing needs to be done there. I fully support our library. It has wonderful services and loved by the community. Please do not use resources of the library to investigate the director. Use your authority as trustees to ask for an investigation of the sheriff's threat to the library.