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From: Mayor
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2016 12:08 PM
To: Donna Conkling
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Subject: Fw: Library Bond: Letter of Support

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From: Mayor
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2016 12:07 PM
To: Eric Levine
Subject: Re: Library Bond: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Levine -- Thank you for your email.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Eric Levine <ericlevine103@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 4:06 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Library Bond: Letter of Support

Dear Mayor Mark and the Scarsdale Trustees,

I have been a resident of Scarsdale for 27 years. My two sons were educated in the Scarsdale Schools. I am now retired.

I wholeheartedly support the \$12M bond to transform the Scarsdale Public Library.

I would like to address in particular the argument that some are making that libraries are passé in the modern world of technology. Our library is probably busier than ever. It seems to be bustling with activity whenever I am there. It is true that libraries are changing from the old model of miles of shelves surrounding silent, uncomfortable work spaces. We need the proposed varied kinds of spaces, including additional meeting rooms, programs, a technology center, comfortable reading spaces and varied levels of quiet in different places. The library of the present and future is a community center for intellectual pursuits. Our current building has served us well but needs to be adapted to serve that purpose and to meet the needs of the future.

A bond issue at the \$12M level is affordable. It represents a responsible amount of borrowing for a project that benefits the community in the long term, improves our infrastructure and can, like our famous school system, contribute to our property values. Indeed, I was surprised that so much of a public project will be privately financed, conferring a direct benefit on the community.

In retirement, I hope to use the library for many years for projects, reading, programs and even just “hanging around” in an intellectual environment. That experience will only be enhanced by the planned project.

Sincerely,

Eric B. Levine

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