

Dear Mayor Mark,

I trust that you are well. As a member of the Scarsdale Forum, I write in support of the report that the Forum's Municipal Services Committee published in June. In particular, I hope that the Board of Trustees, Village personnel, and you have taken a good look at its Executive Summary.

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee (1) supporting the request by the Village of Scarsdale that the Library should pursue economies and prioritization of design features in a revised proposal for the Scarsdale Public Library renovation and expansion project; (2) advocating that the Library board, building committee and architect should be required to justify their design choices based on a cost benefit analysis; (3) recommending that the proposal should continue to meet the Library's mission and program goals, while offering a fiscally tenable plan that would not present any imprudent risk to the Village and its taxpayers; and (4) recommending that the Library should explain to the public how a level of service and functionality consistent with 21<sup>st</sup> century healthful built environment and energy efficient standards might be achieved while reducing the projected expenditure for the project, and should further make public the alternative plans drawn to accomplish the primary goals of the project at lower cost, be approved.

The full report is here, <http://bit.ly/1U817MP>.

Personally, in my view, given the significant numeracy challenges at Village Hall that residents have witnessed during the Scarsdale 2016 revaluation, lead me to recommend that it is imperative that Village Hall arm itself with quantitative

residents who can determine the true cost of renovating the library. Moreover, you should carefully analyze how disbursing a single cent to the library will impact the Scarsdale budget and what tax implications it carries for residents. Transparency at every step is critical.

Moreover, please do not issue any more bonds of any type before having strong quantitative people look at the impact of an issuance on Scarsdale's leverage and credit rating. A big bond issue should be put forth in a referendum to the residents of Scarsdale.

Scarsdale's current investment grade rating is not guaranteed for life.

Best regards,  
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