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Ref: City of Sebastopol Ad Hoc Library Committee

Libraries are an essential part of a thriving community. A central library can be and should be a hub for exploring and learning. They should also be an open, light and inviting space that encourages use.

As a Senior, and as a longtime resident of this community, I would encourage the exploration of a new Library that would have multiple approaches to learning. Over 30% of the residents of Sebastopol are seniors. What is lacking is a facility that encourages and supports intergenerational collaborative interactions. Imagine a library facility that brings local high school students in contact with Seniors. Seniors that could share life-learning experiences that would give context to the world students will be entering. Or – a library that has open and light glassed rooms that would be appropriate for a Senior to read to children.

I personally support the City of Sebastopol's efforts in exploring the possibility of a new updated community library.

Sincerely

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