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Dear Council Members

As the president of Gravenstein Health Action Coalition, a non-profit with the mission to mobilize and collaborate with community partners and resources to improve equity, health, safety and well-being for all in West Sonoma County, I have had the privilege to participate in the Ad Hoc Library Community over the past year. This is a group of intelligent and committed individuals who are striving to ensure your residents receive the library services they deserve at the local level. The possibility of a new library will require ongoing work by the people who are aware of the issues, as well as stakeholders, in order to ensure that the library becomes part of the heart of the community. Supporting this committee can help make sure a new library can address many of the social needs of this local community. I encourage you to fund the committee for another year, this is an opportunity to ensure any present opportunities are identified and acted upon. Thank you for your consideration. Our Coalition looks forward to continue working together with our community leaders to meet the needs of our community.

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