

STATEMENT

TO: Members of the FVRLibraries Board Of Trustees

RE: Trustees conduct handling the approval of the Strategic Plan 2026-2030

The Friends of the Cascade Park Library agreed that we must state our concerns about your conduct and judgment. At our March 19, 2026 monthly meeting, the members present approved and voted to advise you of the following:

The members of the FVRL Board of Trustees violated the Trustee Ethics and Responsibilities Policy by disregarding the community's input and ignoring the outcome of the publicly funded, ten-month strategic planning process.

We ask the Clark County Council to evaluate whether each trustee possesses the commitment to "support the mission of a public library in a free society", as stated in the Trustee Ethics & Responsibility Policy.

We ask each member of the Board of Trustees to ask yourself if you are committed to the Trustee Ethics. Will you do your job and follow the rules? If not, please resign.

As advocates for library services and programs, we, the Friends of the Cascade Park Library, support the library's role in our community to be welcoming and responsive, with a commitment to equal and equitable access for all.

Despite the changes by a group of trustees to eliminate equitable access and weaken intellectual freedom, the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan 2026-2030 remain intact and provide the framework for FVRLibraries to steadily "champion equitable access to literacy and lifelong learning for all" (Jennifer Giltrop, Strategic Plan, p.3).

We, the Friends of the Cascade Park Library, do endorse the statements approved to date by the Friends of White Salmon Library, Battleground Library, Vancouver

Community Library, Yacolt Library Express, and of La Center Community Library, all expressing a vote of no confidence in the FVRLibraries Board of Trustees.

Note: copies of this letter were shared with Jennifer Giltrop, Executive Director of FVRL, Jenny Wilkerson, Executive Director of FVRL Foundation, the Clark County Council, the Board of Klickitat County and the Skamania County Board of Commissioners.