From: Jill Haviland <jillhaviland@gmail.com>
To: <board@co.kern.ca.us>
Date: 8/23/2015 7:57 AM
Subject: Library Funding

As a patron of the Kern County Library System, I would like to encourage your board to consider updating our libraries. I believe that our libraries are extremely underfunded. We need newer, cleaner, updated facilities that can accommodate needs of library goers today. Things like clean floors, engaging children’s areas, sufficient outlets for public use, not to mention the need for more many more copies of books in good repair should be standard and common place. Please make our public libraries a bigger priority. All of kern county should be enjoying libraries like the one in Frazier Park. Our public, especially our children deserve better.

Thank you,
Jill Haviland
From: Amy Pierce Sharp <amyloupierce@Hotmail.com>
To: <board@co.kern.ca.us>
Date: 8/23/2015 9:46 AM
Subject: Newer library facilities

To whom it may concern,

We moved to Bakersfield from Columbus, Ohio where the library system was incredible! Granted, this was a larger city, but you could tell the public, as well as city leaders, took great pride in the public library system. Imagine our surprise and dismay to come to Kern County and see the lack of appropriate library facilities for the community. Mother's want a comfortable and safe place where they can bring their children to gain a love of knowledge and reading. Our youth can benefit from a positive learning, studying, and gathering place. As a community, more value will be placed on what is seen as important. PLEASE assign more funding to our library systems. We need these facilities to be functional and up to 21st century standards. Please listen to the voice of community. We want these things. Thank you for your consideration,

Amy Sharp
Member of the Southwest Branch
From: Brian Norton <bja mesnorton@gmail.com>
To: <board@co.kern.ca.us>
Date: 8/23/2015 10:57 AM
Subject: Kern County Libraries

To Whom It May Concern,
I live in Bakersfield and am appalled at the libraries around here. We moved from Huntington Beach, CA a few years and the libraries there actually look like they were built in this century rather than last. How are we to create environments (for youth especially) for learning and growth if the public libraries around are so unkempt and underfunded that it makes people want to avoid books as a way to seek education and leisure? As I believe in this country as a place where the power of people holds a lot of weight, I am writing this letter in an effort to ask for more funding to be given to our local libraries here in Kern County. I live close the the Southwest branch and would appreciate more hours open, an updated children's learning zone, air conditioning being used more often, and an update on most other equipment in the building.

Thank you,

Brian Norton R.N.

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Have a great day.

-Brian Norton
To Whom It May Concern,
My name is Heather and I live in Bakersfield with my 4 small children and husband. I really do not like the libraries around here. In Huntington Beach, CA they have such wonderful libraries that are so wonderful for children that actually got them excited about books and learning. I do not see why we cannot update the facilities around here. We have a large county and should be able to allocate funds to public libraries in an attempt to better our community. I am writing this letter in an effort to ask for more funding to be given to our local libraries here in Kern County. I live close the the Southwest branch and would appreciate more hours open, an updated children's learning zone, air conditioning being used more often, and an update on most other equipment in the building.
Thank you,
Heather Norton R.D.H., BS