



April 21, 2017

Mayor Tarter and Members of Council
City of Falls Church
City Hall
Falls Church, Va. 22046

Dear Mayor Tarter and Members of Council:

The Board of the Village Preservation and Improvement Society (VPIS) strongly urges you to support implementing the project to upgrade and expand the Mary Riley Styles Public Library decisively approved by Falls Church City voters at referendum.

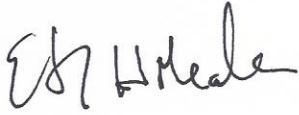
VPIS views the Library as a critical institution supporting all elements of the Falls Church community. In addition, VPIS works closely with the Library to implement programs and projects, such as our recent partnership to make new technology for improving heating and cooling efficiency available to Falls Church residents. VPIS also works closely with the Library to expand and strengthen the archive of Falls Church history.

We recognize that the City is working to address a number of infrastructure needs. The Library project, however, is included in the proposed budget and Capital Improvement Plan adopted by the Planning Commission and we urge you to implement the project as proposed. The project deserves your support for several reasons:

1. **Well-conceived:** The project is the result of an extensive and careful planning process that focuses limited resources on the most critical needs of the Library, including both renovation of existing space and modest expansion.
2. **Timely:** The renovation and expansion provided for the project is urgent. The renovation will address important upgrades to mechanical and electrical systems and replacement of ageing elevators and restrooms. The expansion will provide roughly 6,000 additional square feet to support steadily growing use of the Library programs and services.
3. **Strong Public Support:** The public provided a strong endorsement of the Library project in approving the referendum on the project late last year.

Again, thank you for your support of the Library improvement project.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth Harkins Meade
Vice President

cc: City Manager
Library Director
Library Board of Trustees
Planning Commission