

Lisa Clausen

From: Public Council Inbox
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 11:18 AM
To: 'Asta Tada'
Subject: RE: White Center and Boulevard Park Libraries

Thank you for copying the Burien City Council on your message. This will be included in the Correspondence for the Record for a future City Council meeting.

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City Manager's Office

From: Astha Tada [<mailto:ratcity@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 10:14 AM
To: boardoftrustees@kcls.org
Cc: Levine, Pat Levine; joe.mcdermott@kingcounty.gov; kcxec@kingcounty.gov; Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon; Public Council Inbox; Thomas Bates (USAWAW); sheriff@kingcounty.gov
Subject: White Center and Boulevard Park Libraries

Dear Board of Trustees of the King County Library System,

Let me thank you for listening to our comments last night at Issaquah.

I tried very hard to listen intently to your responses and understand your concerns for being fiscally responsible and the need to be flexible when change is needed.

Trustee Rob Spitzer said he would not like it if his neighborhood library was closed. I agree with him. We all want convenience. However, the difference is that he would have a choice to go elsewhere to another library for his needs. **WHAT IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THAT CHOICE BECAUSE WALKING IS YOUR ONLY CHOICE?**

What if you need a job and cannot access a computer to search for job offers?

As I mentioned last night, what if you cannot get your school assignment done because you lack study space and

tools to accomplish it? (2700 students will no longer have a choice to walk to their White Center Library if closed)

What if you cannot compose a resume because you do not own a computer?

All of your comments last night failed to give me the answers I was seeking for these citizens who have **no** choice if their local community library was closed. They were unable to be at this Issaquah meeting or have computers to give their input. Again they could not participate because of **ACCESSIBILITY**. This is the elephant in the middle of the room.

When you can give me answers that resolve these questions, I will support the direction you are obviously heading toward.

Before you make any final decision and in a more accessible location, you need to meet with the community citizens whose lives will be directly affected by your decision. It will also be an opportune time to share your concerns and outlook.

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Respectfully,

Astha Tada