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Subject: Preserve Public Libraries as Safe Spaces for Children and Students

To: Whom it may Concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed plan to convert public libraries into safe injection sites. While I understand and support the importance of addressing the opioid crisis with compassion and urgency, I believe that utilizing public libraries for this purpose is not the appropriate solution.

Libraries serve as vital community hubs—welcoming spaces where children, students, and families come to learn, read, and grow. Introducing safe injection facilities into these environments could compromise the safety, comfort, and educational value that libraries have long provided.

Surely, there are more suitable locations that can support harm reduction efforts without displacing or endangering those who rely on libraries as safe and enriching spaces. I urge the council to consider alternative venues and solutions that address the crisis effectively while preserving the integrity and purpose of our public libraries.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I hope you will prioritize the well-being of all community members by protecting the primary role of our libraries.

Sincerely,
Christina Russell

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