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Dear Mark Tadeson,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed plan to convert public library areas 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 and are welcoming spaces where children, students, seniors and families come to learn, read and grow. Introducing safe injection sites into these environments would 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 to this matter. I hope that you will prioritize the well-being of all community members by protecting the primary role of our libraries.

Respectfully,

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