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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

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John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I welcome change in the Mayor's Office.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

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cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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