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To: Budget Committee <BudgetCommittee@london.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: proposed closure of Carson library branch

I am writing this petition to express my deep concern and opposition to the proposed closure of the Carson Library branch.

This decision threatens to diminish a vital community space that serves those in the Old East Village. As an area resident, I have personally experienced and benefited from the numerous advantages that our library offers.

It is not just a place for borrowing books. Many residents rely on this facility to access internet and printing services. By closing down this library, we are depriving a vulnerable and underserved population of digital resources.

It is a safe, free space for parents to take young children and provide them with early learning resources.

Moreover, the Carson Library is a central hub for individuals in the community from all walks of life. Losing this space would be detrimental not only to individuals but also to the overall well-being of our community.

It is disheartening that the council is faced with cutting services that benefit those within the Old East Village neighbourhood. We cannot disregard the importance of accessible spaces like this which contribute significantly towards education, social interaction, and community development.

I urge all council members to petition this proposed closure and ensure that Carson Library remains open and thriving for generations to come.

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