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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Library Budget

Good evening Councillor Stevenson,

I am very concerned about the proposed budget shortfalls for the London Public Library and in particular the possibility that this would mean the closure of the Carson branch.

The Carson Library is the heart of the Old East Village community. I go there weekly with my kids and it means so much to us. As a father with young children, I can speak on behalf of the families and young developing minds in this community, this library is important.

The library is walking distance for many patrons in this community, making it accessible to all in OEV and East Carling. It also provides a refuge for the more vulnerable in the community.

Please do everything you can to stop the full closure of this branch during budget deliberations. Give the London Public Library the funding they need to provide their vital services to our community.

Thank you.

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