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Cathy Saunders
City Clerk,
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300 Dufferin Ave
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Re: Samuel Trosow's Application to the London Public Library Board

Dear Ms. Saunders and City of London Councillors,

I am writing this letter in support of Samuel Trosow's application to the London Public Library Board. Given the focus on recruiting an individual with a legal background, a commitment to intellectual freedom and equitable access, and a commitment to the City of London and Londoners, I believe that Dr. Trosow is eminently qualified to serve the city in this capacity.

In addition to having a law degree and a background of community oriented legal work in the United States, Dr. Trosow is also a professor jointly appointed to the Faculties of Law and Media and Information Studies. More importantly, he is the preeminent scholar on legal issues in librarianship in the country. Not only does he teach a graduate course in this area (Legal Issues in Librarianship), he has published extensively in this area and has appeared before the Legislative Committee of the House of Commons as expert in 2012. He brings relevant expertise in multiple legal issues relating to librarianship including copyright, privacy and intellectual freedom, and his research into such subjects has been funded by multiple various granting agencies including the Graphics, Animation and New Media (GRAND) Network Centres of Excellence and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). Between his scholarship and role as an instructor of many future librarians at the University of Western Ontario's Master of Library and Information Science program, he has played a pivotal role in enhancing understanding of legal issues in the field of librarianship and championing the roles librarians can play in ensuring core professional values including privacy, intellectual freedom and access to information are achieved.

In addition to a stellar background in legal issues in librarianship, Dr. Trosow also has the requisite experience of serving on boards. In particular he is an elected member of the Board of Governors at the University of Western Ontario. He also has a strong track record of community-oriented service at the national level participating at groups including the Canadian Association of University Teachers' (CAUT) Librarian Committee and the Canadian Library Association's Copyright Committee and

Intellectual Freedom Committee. Finally, Dr. Trosow is also strongly committed to improving the quality of life for Londoners and has actively contributed to a variety of campaigns in this regard.

As a former City of London resident and professor of librarianship who understands the importance library boards play in ensuring successful public library systems, I give my unqualified recommendation for Dr. Trosow in his application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael B. McNally". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Michael B. McNally