



# Western FIMS

Faculty of Information & Media Studies

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Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee  
City of London  
300 Dufferin Avenue  
London, Ontario  
CANADA  
c/o Clerk's Office

Re: Letter of support for Sam Trosow, LPL Board application

Dear Members of the Committee,

As the chair of the Master of Media in Journalism and Communications (MMJC) program at Western University, I'm writing to support Sam Trosow's application to be on the London Public Library Board (Board).

I have had the privilege of being a colleague of Sam for many years, and even luckier to serve with him on a number of committees. As a former librarian, a lawyer, and a professor who teaches in both the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Information and Media Studies (FIMS), Sam will bring a wealth of expertise to the Board.

His subject specialization, particularly, should prove invaluable. He's an expert in law and policy directly related to Board matters. He's a well-known authority on the topic of copyright, privacy, and intellectual freedom. In the MMJC program he teaches budding journalists and communicators about media law, defamation, copyright and privacy. I'm always impressed with the care and attention he has for our students, who appreciate it.

In addition to expertise, Sam brings experience to the position. He's currently serving on Western University's Board of Governors, and he has just finished a four-year stint as a member of Western University's Senate. In the London community he has been active as the Chair of the London Housing Advisory Committee. Nationally, he's served on numerous committees with the Canadian

Association of University Teachers (CAUT) and the Canadian Library Association.

All of this experience and expertise alone would recommend Sam to the Board, but I also feel that Sam's passion and commitment to the values and importance of public libraries is vital. Having served with him on committees within FIMS, I know that he will always speak truth to power, and keep the best and highest values of the library's mission in mind when deliberating the challenges it faces. I also believe he's committed to listening to and understanding the views of other. In my experience in working with him, he never fails to impress me with this ability.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you take my recommendation to heart as you consider Sam for the Board.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Rayner". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mark A. Rayner, Chair  
Master of Media in Journalism and Communication Program Committee  
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