

## Agenda item 2.14

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Dear City Clerk,

My apologies as I have a medical appointment for an injury from the prior week and may not be free to be present in time for this agenda item.

My name is Kristen Brown and I am on the agenda for consideration for an appointment to the Library Commission for a term ending June, 2022.

I wish to fill you in on the year gap from the date of my application. As of mid January, I have taken a break from my graduate work on a Masters in Early and Special Education to help a friend on an important project. I remain Chairperson for the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education for San Jose Unified School District. I have been on a team of community advisors to Cindy Chavez for her Office of Disability Affairs proposal. I am an active participant with Parents for Change, an advocate group supported by Parents Helping Parents. Last July I was co-lead for the state of California for the Special Education Legislative Summit, running meetings with our Congress Members and Senators, advocating for better funding and resources for exceptional students.

The greatest thing I can add to my resume is I started teaching at Woodhaven preschool. This opportunity has shown me how important it is that we are engaging with early readers and guiding their families toward their children's life full of literacy and love of learning.

As City Councilmembers, you are asked to do more for education, and may feel compelled to say this is not the role of the City Council. Please familiarize yourself with what the San Jose Public Library is doing. The library offers tutoring, literacy, English as a second language classes, coding lessons, and so much more by opening their doors to community organizations. The San Jose City Library has been keeping their finger on the pulse of the education learning gap and creative in answering community needs. This aspect of the system really shined during COVID, and I imagine you noticed too.

Thank you for your consideration today,

Kristen Brown

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