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To the Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to approve the increase in the Library Parcel Tax for the 2020-2021 year.

As a Library and Early Education Commissioner, I have seen first hand how beneficial the revenue from this tax has been on our Library System. The Parcel Tax is designated for specific tasks. Those tasks being:

- The acquisition of library books and materials and related costs to maintain library collections at all libraries.
- The development and delivery of homework and educational programs for all age groups to support literacy and lifelong learning.
- The repair, equipping and staffing of libraries.
- The cost of collection and administration of the library parcel tax.

With the proposed 2020-2021 Budget cut of \$3M to our Libraries in play, now is absolutely not the time to make more cuts to our Library System. The "COVID-19 Slide" will affect our students in this upcoming school year and the focus on homework and educational programs that this Tax has will be vital to their future success. We need to make sure funding from this tax is still in place to make our communities and students stronger.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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