

Meribeth Dermond - proposed Cultural Services Agency -- NO!

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Dear members of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,
Were it not for a scheduled appointment to donate blood, I would appear at your meeting this afternoon. Since I cannot be there, this email has to serve as my voice in the matter.
I am opposed to the formation of a Cultural Services Agency. As a member of the Friends of the Library, I cannot see any advantage for the library in the formation of such an agency. I can see some disadvantages. The library has been tremendously improved in the last 10 years. The passage of the additional sales tax that benefits the library has had a lovely impact on the community. If you insist on forming a Cultural Services Agency, I foresee that the monies from that tax increase will benefit not just the library but the Parks and Museum, and that the three agencies will share a director, to the detriment of the library, which should be headed up by an actual qualified librarian. Of the three agencies, I believe the library to be the most important, serving a broader base of citizens than either the Parks or the Museum. (Myself, I do not use the county parks, nor have I ever visited the museum, but I use the library constantly, and I volunteer there, covering and repairing books.) Please do not mess with success. Leave the Library alone to continue doing an outstanding job of serving the community, without forcing it into a Cultural Services Agency.
Yours very sincerely,
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