

From: [Jeffrey Rogers](#)
To: [Colleen V. Conko](#)
Subject: FW: Concern About Extremist Library Advisory Committee Appointments
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Colleen,

Per the citizen request below. Please attach to the agenda item for the 2/24/26 BOCC meeting for the Appointment of Member to Library Advisory Committee Until December 31, 2030.

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Dear Commissioner Hawkins,

I am writing to you not only as a constituent, but as someone who has lived in this community long enough to understand how important steady leadership and strong public institutions are to the health of our county.

As an elected official, you represent every resident, including Republicans, Democrats, and independents alike. For that reason, I was disappointed when you seconded the motion to appoint Monty Floyd to the Library Advisory Committee.

Since his appointment, meetings have become increasingly divisive. The introduction of mandatory prayer and continued efforts to remove books from our public libraries have created conflict in what should be a community-centered and inclusive space. Public libraries are meant to serve everyone, including families, seniors, students, and veterans, without pressure

or agendas.

Additionally, Mr. Floyd serves as chair of the local Moms for Liberty chapter. I have also seen multiple public posts from Louis Johns expressing support for Moms for Liberty. This leads me to question whether he is affiliated with the organization as well. If so, appointing two individuals aligned with the same advocacy group to the Library Advisory Committee could create the appearance of a conflict of interest or, at minimum, a lack of viewpoint diversity. It would be similar to appointing two individuals to a board whose shared outside interests could directly influence board decisions.

I have also seen statements from Mr. Champion, who moderates Mr. Johns' neighborhood site, made during meetings suggesting that libraries are unnecessary or should be sold. If individuals seeking appointment share those views, it raises serious concerns about their commitment to preserving and strengthening our public library system.

Many of us who have spent decades in this community value stability, civility, and common sense. We expect our public institutions to focus on education, access to information, and serving the entire community.

With midterm elections approaching, voters are paying close attention to how commissioners exercise their appointment authority. I respectfully urge you to oppose the appointment of Louis Johns and instead support candidates who will protect the library as an inclusive and balanced resource for all residents.

Please also ensure that this written comment is uploaded and attached to the official meeting agenda under the relevant agenda item so that it becomes part of the official public record.

Thank you for your service and for considering the concerns of long-time members of this community.

Sincerely,

Frank Lanigian