

July 24, 2019

City of Porterville Library Commission

Dear Commissioners:

The Friends of the Porterville Library have considered your request to assist the Commission by allowing the use of our non-profit 501(c)3 status in lieu of establishing a foundation for managing the funds generated for a new city library.

We have discussed this in depth and have come to the decision that this plan is not in the best interests of our group or yours. We are an aging volunteer organization with no permanent building to call home. The Spencer house, our current base of operation, is in poor condition and is scheduled for demolition in 2019-2020. As we have not located a suitable replacement and as the workers in the group are suffering the consequences of advancing age and health issues, it is difficult for us to continue with the workload that we have and impossible to add to it.

We encourage you to pursue the foundation as we believe that a new library is needed. We will support that endeavor as we are dedicated to supporting the library and literacy in our community but we believe any formal involvement by our group would be a disservice to us and to you.

Sincerely,

/s/Janice Whitaker
Janice Whitaker
President