

December 28, 2011

Pat McCarthy  
Pierce County Executive  
Room 737, County/City Building  
930 Tacoma Avenue South  
Tacoma, WA 98402

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

The term for Pierce County Board of Trustees member J.J. McCament will expire on March 21, 2012. Ms. McCament was appointed to the Board in October 1, 2002, filling an unexpired term. She was reappointed on March 31, 2007 for her first full term. Ms. McCament would like to continue her service on the Board and be reappointed to a full five-year term. In accordance with RCW 27I.12.190, library trustees may be appointed for two (2) five-year terms. An informal Attorney General Opinion, dated March 7, 1991, states, "...the trustee who fills an unexpired term can serve two terms in addition to completing another's unexpired term." This reappointment would be for her second five-year term. During the regular meeting of the Board on December 14, 2012, the Board of Trustees asked that I forward this request for the reappointment of J.J. McCament to a second full term on the Board of Trustees of the Pierce County Library System.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the governance of the library system, an independent taxing district, in accordance with state law. Board members set budget, policy and overall guidelines for system operation. Operating under RCW 27.12, Board of Trustee members have significant fiduciary authority and responsibility, signing vouchers and overseeing preparation of the system budget. In order to function effectively on the Board, members are required to assimilate a large amount of complex information and become knowledgeable about district operations, in addition to fiscal and legal oversight.

J.J. McCament is the principal of the firm of McCament and Rogers, specializing in real estate consulting, sales and marketing. Her career includes work in the fields of real estate, economic development, community planning and education. She has been a Pierce County resident for over 30 years. Ms. McCament served as Chair of the Library Board in 2006, 2010 and 2011. Her expertise and advice has been invaluable to the Library System and the Board in developing the agreement and collaboration with the City of University Place regarding the Town Center and construction of a new library. Prior to her appointment to the Board, Ms. McCament served as Chair of the Library Foundation. As a Trustee, she has participated in the Planning Team for the Library's 2001-2006 Strategic Plan and the 2009 Facilities Master Plan

Ms. McCament brings to the Board of Trustees strong experience in commercial development, building and in depth knowledge of the library. This expertise will continue to be important as the library grapples with the challenges of growing and changing communities and inadequate facilities. Her expertise has been extremely important in the last two years acquiring property for Fife and negotiating with University Place. In addition, the Library (like other public entities)

has been experiencing and is facing major reductions in revenue. The Library budget was reduced by \$1.9 million for 2012. We project at least a \$2.6 million deficit in 2013. Ms. McCament's familiarity with the Library's budget and operations are essential to help us ensure that we preserve services of value the community and at the same time keep the library up to date.

One of the current Board members has served four months and two have served for less than three years. J.J.'s leadership and experience on the Board are important to provide continuity, perspective, and good stewardship of the taxpayer's dollar, especially in light of tough economic decisions. J.J. has been an outstanding Board member!

If you have any questions regarding the Board's request for reappointment, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Neel Parikh  
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Keri Rooney, Executive Director, External Affairs

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