



Memo

To: Flathead County Library Board
From: Flathead Library Foundation Board
Date: April 23, 2025
Subject: Capital Campaign Agreement

Please be advised that the Flathead Library Foundation is hesitant to sign the current iteration of the capital campaign agreement for the land purchase for a new main branch library for the Flathead County Library System. This position is based on the recent vote regarding the agreement, which did not receive full support, passing by only a 3-2 margin.

For the Flathead Library Foundation to move forward with the agreement and commit to the significant undertaking of the private philanthropic portion of the first phase of a proposed \$3 million land purchase, three key conditions must be met:

1. **Unanimous Support from the Library Board:** Achieving a consensus among all members of the Library Board to support the capital campaign agreement is deemed essential for the successful execution and collaborative nature of this important initiative.
2. **Clear Commitment of CIP Funds from the Flathead County Budget:** A definitive commitment of Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds that have been set aside in the Library budget is a critical component for the financial viability and overall success of the capital campaign.
3. **Clear Commitment from the County to Support a New Kalispell Library:** Definitive support from Flathead County to support the eventual construction of a new Kalispell branch of the Flathead County Library System, including the likely need to approach the public to bond the portion of the construction cost not covered by private investment.

The Flathead Library Foundation remains committed to working collaboratively with the Library Board and the County to achieve these necessary conditions. We believe that unanimous support from the Board, a clear commitment of CIP funds, and support for eventual new construction will provide the necessary foundation for a successful capital campaign that will benefit the Flathead County Library System and the community it serves.