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Item 3I-1

**To: Lemoore City Council**  
**From: Lauren Apone, Administrative Analyst**  
**Date: June 2, 2011**  
**Subject: Opposition Letter for AB 438**

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**Discussion:**

AB 438 (Williams) is bill before the California State Assembly that would restrict cities' ability to contract out library services to an outside party. This bill will set a new precedent by dictating the terms of public-private contracts. AB 438 will effectively prevent cities from contracting for library services, which is an option that has allowed many cities to provide cost-effective services by saving funds, if a city fails to meet the mandates in AB 438.

While the City of Lemoore does not operate a library, this bill is of interest because it ties the hands of local government by thwarting control cities have over localized and administrative decisions. By opposing this bill, you are supporting local control over local decisions.

**Budget Impact:**

None.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that Council oppose AB 438 and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached opposition letter.