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Assembly Member Das Williams  
State Capitol, Room 6011  
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**RE: AB 438 (Williams). County Free Libraries: withdrawal. (As amended June 1, 2011)**  
**NOTICE OF OPPOSITION**

Dear Assembly Member Williams:

The City of Lemoore must respectfully oppose your bill, AB 438, which would require voters to approve a city council's decision to provide library services through a private contractor. Our concerns are based on the following issues:

- *AB 438 undermines the ability of a city to operate efficiently and effectively.* City council members routinely make administrative decisions on contracts, policies and fiscal decisions that are essential to government functioning smoothly. Sometimes these decisions must take place in an expedited manner so as to balance the city's budget. Forcing a city put a contract to a vote at the *next regularly scheduled election*, which could be as long as 18 months or 2 years, could exacerbate an already bad fiscal situation for the city.
- *Role of Council Members.* While we appreciate the intent to have voters weigh in on a city council decision relating to public contracts, we believe that these administrative decisions are exactly the type of decisions that council members are elected to make.

For the aforementioned reasons, the City of Lemoore must respectfully oppose your bill.

Sincerely,

Willard Rodarmel  
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