

Date: February 5th, 2019
To: Senate Ethics, Elections and Local Government
From: Eudora Township Board
Re: Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 59

Dear Chairperson Bower and Members of the Committee:

On February 5th, 2019 we passed Resolution No. 1. The resolution is in support of Senate Bill 59, an Act relating to Eudora Community Library. In addition to the resolution, please accept this letter as an indication of our unequivocal support of SB 59.


In 1968, residents of the Eudora Township voted to establish a Library that would provide a much-needed service. As the community has grown, we have witnessed the Library transform and respond to the many needs that come with growth. They have hired professional staff, developed summer programs, created opportunities for adults to learn and interact with their children, developed workshops, and created reading programs for children. The Library has also become a cybercafé for those without access to the internet.

Much of the Library's initiatives have happened with limited input from us. The Library Board members, their executive director and staff are and have been running the Library. They care about the community and are passionate about the Library and the services they offer. As the Library Board continues to do its work and strategically plan for the future, board members need certainty and independence. Senate Bill 59, as present, provides the much-needed certainty and autonomy.


Prior to 2011, the City of Eudora was part of the Eudora Township. Even after becoming a second-class city, the City of Eudora and its residents have continued to support the Library. Residents from both the City and the Township have always viewed this Library as a community Library; that is, a Library that serves all those who live in the City of Eudora and Eudora Township. It is time for the Library to formally be its own entity and represent our community as its founder envisioned. Senate Bill 59 will do this.

Again, we ask that you approve Senate Bill 59 as introduced.

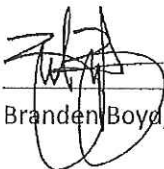
Thank you for giving us the opportunity to address you in support of Senate Bill 59.



Bob Rice, Eudora Township Trustee



Keith Knabe, Clerk



Branden Boyd, Treasurer

EUDORA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 19-01

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING KANSAS SENATE BILL 59 (2019)
ESTABLISHING THE EUDORA COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT ACT.

WHEREAS, the City of Eudora, Kansas (the "City"), and the Eudora Township (the "Township") have previously established the Eudora Township Public Library (the "Library") pursuant to the provisions of the township library act, K.S.A. 12-1218 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, the Library is located within the City, and the Library has served the residents of both the Township and the City since at least 1968;

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Library, the Township and the City have jointly maintained the Library through the Eudora Township Public Library Board (the "Library Board");

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 15-104, cities of the third class are a part of the corporate limits of the townships in which they are situated, whereas pursuant to K.S.A. 80-1404, cities of the first and second classes are excluded from townships;

WHEREAS, at the time the Library was established, the City was a city of the third class, but, in 2011, became a city of the second class and, therefore, is no longer considered within the corporate limits of the Township, such that the status of the Library is unclear;

WHEREAS, there has been introduced into the Kansas State Senate, Senate Bill No. 59 (2019), the Eudora Community Library District Act (the "Act"), which Act has been referred to the Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government; and

WHEREAS, SB 59 would provide clarity as to the legal status of the Library and help ensure the continued availability of the Library and its resources to the Eudora community.

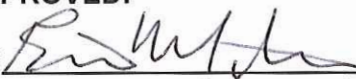
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE EUDORA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY, as follows

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

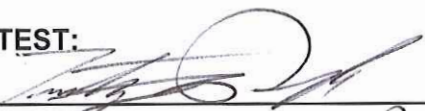
Section 2. The Eudora Township Public Library Board supports Kansas Senate Bill No. 59 (2019) establishing the Eudora Community Library District Act, and recommends its passage as introduced.

Adopted this 6th day of February 2019, by the Board of the Eudora Township Public Library.

APPROVED:

By: 
Printed Name: Eric Mazette
Title: ETPL Board President

ATTEST:

By: 
Printed Name: Timothy J Pringle
Title: Board Member

EUDORA TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION NO. 1

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING KANSAS SENATE BILL 59 (2019)
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE EUDORA TOWNSHIP, as follows

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Eudora Township supports Kansas Senate Bill No. 59 (2019) establishing the Eudora Community Library District Act, and recommends its passage as introduced.

Adopted this 5 day of February 2019, by the governing body of the Eudora Township.

APPROVED:

By: Bob Rice
Printed Name: BOB RICE
Title: TRUSTEE - EUDORA TOWNSHIP

ATTEST:

By: Keith Kuabe
Printed Name: Keith Kuabe
Title: Clerk - Eudora Township

CITY OF EUDORA RESOLUTION 2019-02

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING KANSAS SENATE BILL 59 (2019) ESTABLISHING THE EUDORA COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT ACT.

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WHEREAS, SB 59 would provide clarity as to the legal status of the Library and help ensure the continued availability of the Library and its resources to the Eudora community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF EUDORA, KANSAS, as follows

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The City of Eudora, Kansas, supports Kansas Senate Bill No. 59 (2019) establishing the Eudora Community Library District Act, and recommends its passage as introduced.

Adopted this 11th day of February 2019, by the Governing Body of the City of Eudora, Kansas.

APPROVED:

By: _____

Tim Reazin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Schmeck
Pam Schmeck, City Clerk