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Hi Kim. My name is Bill Fenton. I'm a Registered Nurse who works evenings and so I am unable to attend Council meetings. It has been suggested that I send you this note to be given to the Councilors and Mayor and to be read aloud at the meeting on Wednesday. Thank you.

Mr. Mayor and Councilors,

I find it an interesting contrast that when Mayor Hodson came in to office, one of his first actions was to put a halt to the forward movement toward a new public library. Despite the forfeiture of many, many thousands of dollars, he presented himself as a champion of the public's right to vote on matters pertaining to our community. Now, however, our Mayor and certain members of the City Council are demonstrating what seems to be a complete disregard for the wishes of those same voters. This begs the question: Why this change in sentiment? Yes, there is the precedent that the Council appoints to fill vacancies. But this is undoubtedly a unique situation. This appointment would take place less than two weeks before the November election. Of important note, this election has the potential to change the face of the City Council. Which brings me back to my question: Why the shift from a stated position of caring for the wishes of the voting public to one of showing a disregard for their wishes? In my mind, the answer is obvious: The Mayor and certain Councilors are afraid of losing a majority who share their views. If this is true, it represents a political philosophy of "winning at any cost", ethics and the will of the people be damned. Canby deserves and expects better than this. I humbly ask the Council to delay this appointment until after the election. Let the voters participate in this important process. Let the voters participate in the direction we take our community. Who knows, you may end up getting what you wished for all along; but you would be able to say that you had the mandate of the people.

Thank you,
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