

**Petition For A Task Force to Examine Equitable County Funding For Library Services
Submitted by Tiffany Allen, on behalf of the Chapel Hill Public Library Advisory Board (“The Board”)
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Whereas: The Memorandum of Understanding with Orange County regarding county funding for Chapel Hill Public Library expired in 2017; and

Whereas: Orange County’s funding for Chapel Hill Public Library has not increased since that time; and

Whereas: In December 2019, the Library Advisory Board submitted a letter to the Mayor and Town Council regarding Orange County funding for libraries; and

Whereas: The Board’s position is that the current county funding model is inherently inequitable in providing equal funding for library services for all Orange County residents; and

Whereas: The Board has developed several options for a more equitable and sustainable formula for county funding for library services for all Orange County residents;

Therefore, be it resolved: The Library Advisory Board requests that the Town Council work with Orange County to create a task force to study, develop, and recommend an equitable and sustainable approach to County funding for library services for all Orange County residents. Additionally, we recommend Chapel Hill and Orange County share the expense of hiring a trained facilitator this fall to lead these discussions and this process. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you as needed.