

Item #8  
5/12/2026 BOS  
Meeting

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Fresno County Board members,  
My name is Tracy Emmons and I am a Fresno County resident, taxpayer, and parent.

I am writing today to urge this Board to approve the Fresno County Library's proposal to celebrate Pride Month and continue their LGBTQ-inclusive programming.

I am the parent of an LGBTQ child. When my child sees themselves reflected in a book, in a bookmark, in a library display, they receive a message that their community sees them and values them. That is not indoctrination. That is what libraries are for.

LGBTQ-inclusive books do not make children gay or transgender any more than books about frogs make children amphibians. What they do is serve the children who are already part of our community and deserve to be represented in our public spaces.

The Fresno County Library employs trained, credentialed professionals. Curating collections that reflect the full diversity of this county is exactly their job. This Board has historically trusted them to do it. I am asking you to continue doing so.

Some voices have come before you expressing concern. I want this Board to know that there are equally passionate voices on the other side, parents, taxpayers, voters and community members who want a library that serves all of us. My tax dollars fund this library too. My child matters too.

Please vote yes on this proposal and send a clear message that Fresno County's public library belongs to everyone.

Your voters are counting on you to represent us all.

Thank you.

Tracy Emmons