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**Subject:** Glendale voted tonight to leave the North Shore Library

Dear Presidents Anderson, Frazer and Walny:

Tonight the Glendale Common Council voted unanimously to adopt a resolution to give three year notice to exit the North Shore Library. The resolution will be formally transmitted later this week.

We are leaving the North Shore Library because the current agreement has not been enforced and any attempts by Glendale to pursue a replacement agreement have been thwarted by at least one of our partners.

The City of Glendale Common Council believes Fox Point violated the agreement five years ago. Fox Point, without advising the other communities, went to the Library Board and asked for compensation for fiscal agent services. The Library Board has NO AUTHORITY to make a decision that violates the Library Agreement. Any change to fiscal agent services required an amendment to the Library Agreement that would have required agreement to by all four communities, not the Library Board.

Glendale has been sympathetic to Fox Point's desire to be compensated for fiscal agent services. We agreed to negotiate a new agreement that removed all in-kind responsibilities. The three village managers and city administrator worked diligently, in good faith, to establish a new agreement and a formula that compensated for fiscal agent, but that also included credits for rent, as well as

maintenance services. Variations of new agreements have been repeatedly approved by Glendale and Bayside. As a part of those negotiations, Glendale also sought to be made whole for mismanagement of the formula by Fox Point, dating back to at least 2012.

After refusing to vote on earlier versions of a new agreement, and without addressing the mismanagement of the formula, Fox Point leaders indicated their desire to give up fiscal agent services at the end of 2019. They essentially walked away from their contractual obligation spelled out in the Library agreement. Bayside volunteered to provide fiscal agent services and is being compensated by the Library Board for this service. Before assuming this new duty, Bayside insisted on a Memorandum of Understanding. The Library Agreement states that Fox Point is responsible for fiscal agent services, and does not provide for a mechanism of compensation for that service. Bayside requested the MOU so that all four communities were in agreement about Bayside assuming a responsibility that it did not have in the Library Agreement, and to receive compensation for a service that had been in-kind for the first 30 years of the library's existence.

Until we negotiate a new agreement that indicates a change in duties, we are operating with an agreement that is not being enforced. Glendale no longer wishes to continue being a part of a dysfunctional and outdated Library Agreement. We look forward to working with our residents on a future Glendale Library, but are also open to exploring opportunities to collaborate with other municipalities.

In community,  
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