



Ark City Public Library

HB 2176

Authorizing Public Vote to Create a Library District February 1, 2024 Proponent

The Arkansas City Public Library and the Udall Public Library Board of Directors support House Bill 2176 because it will allow them to hold elections to find out if citizens want to improve their libraries by creating library districts.

This measure passed the House last year on a bipartisan vote of 110-12.

HB 2176 is a perfect example of local control. It's asking the Legislature to give its permission for the libraries to ask the citizens of their communities if they want to create library districts. If the voters say no it won't happen. But if they say yes, it will give both communities the means to improve library services for their patrons.

The directors of both libraries are here today. They will explain why they want to hold these elections.

And again, all we are asking for is the permission to hold an election so voters can express their opinions on what they would like to see happen

The Arkansas City and Udall Public Libraries are represented by Mike Taylor

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2176

WHEREAS, the Udall U.S.D. 463's Board of Education (hereafter "Board") supports educational advancement for district residents of every age;

WHEREAS, the Board understands that access to quality books, technology, internet, and media materials is pivotal to furthering educational goals and professional advancement for Udall community residents;

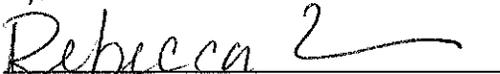
WHEREAS, local economies in Kansas are greatly impacted by the existence and vitality of both local public schools and libraries, as a draw for would-be resident families and as employers for their residents; and

WHEREAS, Board and community goals are advanced by there being additional meeting spaces and opportunities for educational programming for Udall community residents, such as, but not limited to, the Parents as Teachers program.

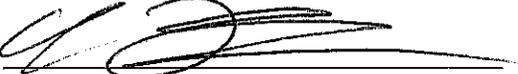
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 463, Cowley County, Kansas, urge the Kansas Legislature to support the passage of House Bill 2176, which would authorize the creation of a library district in the Udall, Kansas, area.

ADOPTED by the Board of Education of Unified School District 463, Cowley County, Kansas, the 10th day of January, 2024.

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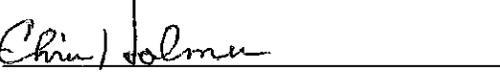
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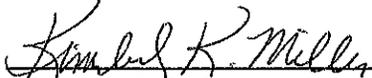
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Attest:


Clerk, Board of Education