

Dear Michael Lambert and Library Commission Members,

I would like to submit the comment that I disagree with having metal detectors installed at the entrance to the Main Library.

While I appreciate the Library administration's concerns for the safety of its staff and its library patrons, I don't believe that metal detectors would make the space safer, nor do I believe that it would *feel* safer. Speaking as a Main Library employee, I personally would not feel safer, and I would be concerned that many members of the public would feel defensive, afraid, and unwelcome. It is a literal physical barrier that, added to the sheriff's vans parked right outside and the officers posted directly at the entrance, will act as a discouraging gauntlet.

I am aware that there are other staffers and members of the public who feel differently; but I think that it's important to let the Commission know that some of us don't like the idea of metal detectors in the library.

What I would like from the City as "protection" is permanent housing and drug treatment for residents who need it.

Thank you for your time.

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