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It has been interesting to see the letters to the editor about the library. I have received complaints from people who support Clermont that they have written letters supporting us, but they just don't seem to be making the paper. No worriers. Let's take a look at a recent letter written by one of my constituents: [Commissioners need to rethink library decision](#).

In this editorial, the voter says; "It is time for both to focus on issues in their own districts", but goes on to say that we need to "focus on what is best for the county." I have heard this argument a lot lately: County vs. District; County vs. City; Good old Boy vs. the new people. I had an opportunity to speak to this voter along with many of her neighbors and I told them that putting the library in Clermont was the right thing to do. Why is it the right thing? Because it is what the commission promised to do. Can the commissioners change their mind? Yes. But what is the cost of changing our mind?

SPLOST VI passed by fewer than 2,000 votes. SPLOST has been the capital funding mechanism for road improvements, new parks, new libraries, and new community centers. Certainly, it is debatable as to the value of SPLOST, but if it weren't for this vehicle, where would be with all the growth in our area. I was fortunate to have a unique insight into SPLOST since I was a city council member during the time that SPLOST was being negotiated and I can tell you that the people of Clermont were promised a library.

So why am I so passionate about it? Well, the board of commissioners promised things to South Hall as well. One of the things they promised was to pay for the sewer line that no one is using. That takes a \$40+m liability off of 1500 sewer users. They also promised a new park and to improve Spout Springs Road. If the board doesn't honor their commitment to Clermont, who is to say that they will honor South Hall?

I am not sure why this voter is surprised, I came to their subdivision and told her along with everyone in the room that I was going to vote to move the library back. While I probably did not earn this person's vote, I did earn enough to allow me the "privilege to serve". The fact is, the voters put me here to make this vote and I plan to follow through with this campaign promise as well as others. In four years we can talk about this vote along with other things like SPLOST VII.

