

**JOINT RESOLUTION
OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE
Klickitat and Skamania Boards of County
Commissioners**

Clark County Resolution # 2022-02-14
Klickitat County Resolution # 03699
Skamania County Resolution # 2022-15

A joint resolution of the Clark County Council and the Boards of County Commissioners for Klickitat and Skamania counties relating to the appointment of trustees to the Fort Vancouver Regional Library.

WHEREAS, in 1952, Clark County and Skamania County formed an Interrural Rural Library District; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, the Intercounty Rural Library District was expanded to include Klickitat County; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, the City of Vancouver annexed into the Intercounty Rural Library District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 27.12.130 and 27.12.190, the County Council and Boards of County Commissioners of the participating counties within the Intercounty Rural Library District are to appoint a board of trustees through joint action; and

WHEREAS, Klickitat, Clark and Skamania counties have entered into an Interlocal Agreement setting forth the process for the appointment of trustees; and

WHEREAS, the term for Position No. 2 which was held by Kelly Smith representing the City of Vancouver, will expire on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Smith has submitted her resignation; and

WHEREAS, Kaitlin Dittmar of Vancouver, Washington has expressed a desire and has accepted an invitation for appointment to Position No. 2 representing the City of Vancouver; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Clark County Council and Boards of County Commissioners of Klickitat and Skamania counties to appoint Kaitlin Dittmar to Position No. 2, representing the City of Vancouver.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED by the Clark County Council and the Boards of County Commissioners for Klickitat and Skamania Counties, State of Washington that Kaitlin Dittmar is hereby appointed to serve as trustee of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library as the City of Vancouver's designee, effective immediately and December 31, 2025.

DATED this 15th day of March, 2022.

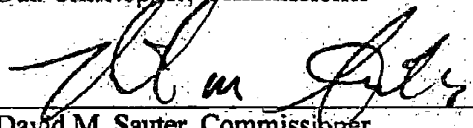
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Klickitat County, Washington



Jacob Anderson, Chair



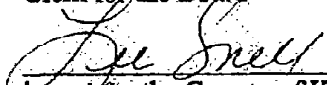
Dan Christopher, Commissioner



David M. Sauter, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk for the Board



in and for the County of Klickitat,
State of Washington

DATED this 5th day of April, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL
Clark County, Washington

Karen Dill Bowerman

Karen Dill Bowerman, Chair

Attest:

Clerk to the Council

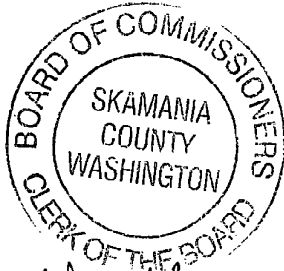
Rebecca Messinger

in and for the County of Clark,
State of Washington



Dated this 15th day of March 2022.

ATTEST:



Debbie Slack
Debbie Slack, Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY WASHINGTON**

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Richard Mahar, Chairman

T.W. Lannen
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Robert Hamlin
Robert Hamlin, Commissioner

Approved as to form only:

Adam Kick
Adam Kick,
Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney

Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 3, 2022

TO: Clark County Council

FROM: Vancouver City Council

RE: **Nomination for appointment to the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Board**

CC: Michelle Pfenning, County Councilors Office
Amelia Shelley, Fort Vancouver Regional Library District

The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Board is the governing body for the library district and oversees the library system, the service area of which includes the City of Woodland and Clark, Klickitat, and Skamania counties. The City of Vancouver has two representatives on the board.

The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Board currently has two Vancouver positions up for appointment. On Monday, February 28, 2022, the Vancouver City Council unanimously approved the nomination of Megan Dugan for the mid-term seat expiring December 31, 2023 and Kaitlin Dittmar for the mid-term seat expiring December 31, 2025. The beginning date of these terms are contingent upon final approval by the Clark, Skamania and Klickitat county boards of commissioners.

If you have any questions about the City Council's nomination, please contact Shannon Ripp, Boards and Commissions Coordinator, at (360) 487-8600 or bc_coordinator@cityofvancouver.us.

Signature pages
from other counties
in my email
3/17/22



City of Vancouver Boards and Commissions Application Form

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Submitted on Thursday, November 25, 2021 - 10:08am

Board or Commission you are applying for: Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Board of Trustees

Have you served on this board or commission in the past? No

If "Yes" please explain:

First Name: Kaitlin

Last Name: Dittmar

Home address: 701 E McLoughlin Blvd, Unit 205

City: Vancouver

State: Washington

Zip: 98663

Mailing address:

City:

State: Washington

Zip:

Business address:

City:

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Zip:

Email address: kdittmar@ywcaclarkcounty.org

Primary phone: 3606056065

Secondary phone: 3609069121

Do you reside in the City limits? Yes

Length of residency in Vancouver: 4

Occupational status and background:

I currently work as the SafeChoice Manager of Community Services and Outreach at the YWCA Clark County. I began working as a domestic violence advocate and worked my way up to managing the domestic violence department at our community office.

What skills would you contribute to the committee or commission?:

I have strong organizational skills, am an active participant in community organizing around

issues like racial justice, anti-racism, LGBTQ+ rights, and domestic violence. I am also an MFA candidate at Portland State University and expect to graduate Spring of 2022 with my MFA in Creative Writing. I love Vancouver and plan to be here for a long time, and would love to continue using my voice to speak out against inequality and to strengthen organizations I believe in - like the library.

Why are you seeking appointment?:

Growing up in a home with domestic violence, I was practically raised by my local library. Now, as an adult, I would love nothing more than to give back to the institution that gave me so very much. I see a strong crossover between my work as a domestic violence advocate and manager and the work a library does in a community. Libraries serve our most marginalized populations in innumerable ways, and I want to be a part of ensuring that vital work can continue.

Are you employed by the City of Vancouver? No

Do you, or does your firm or place of employment do business with the City of Vancouver? No

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Organizational affiliations:

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Are you interested in serving on other Boards or Commissions? Yes



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