



## **rRemarks Data for September 6th, 2022 Village Council Meeting**

**Agenda Section:** Comments of a General Nature

**Agenda Item:** Comments of a General Nature

**Commenter:** Renita Marjan, Lombard

**Comment:** I would like to express my support for the Downers Grove library and its commitment to diversity and inclusion. We spend a lot of time in DG and want to live in communities that stand up for the oppressed and marginalized instead of caving in to bullies. When DG stands up for what's right they are sending a message to the community and its youth. Thank you.

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**Commenter:** Amanda ReCupido, Downers Grove

**Comment:** The library's anti-hate statements, EDI strategic planning work, and other efforts to welcome those in the community and teach others to do the same, are crucial to ensuring all neighbors feel welcome. I'm proud to be a community member and library user of Downers Grove in particular precisely because of this emphasis on inclusion. It is clear that the latest threats on its staff due to harmless programming is the result of outside agitators who do not believe in the library's commitment of being a place for everyone, nor is it in line with Downers Grove's image as one of the "friendliest towns in America." It is imperative that the next person appointed to the library board also believe in protecting those who need it most. It is our responsibility to each other as neighbors. I ask the Mayor to practice what he preached in his June Pride Proclamation and prove via his library board appointment that hate has no home here in Downers Grove.

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**Commenter:** Erin Christine Walsh, Downers Grove

**Comment:** I would like to voice my enthusiastic support for the library and their upcoming programming. I fervently urge the council to appoint a board member who is

pro-equality and supports all of our community members, as well as a broad range of program options for our town library.