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STATEMENT TO THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS:

April 6, 2015

Pleased be advised that the Executive Committee of the East Norwalk Improvement Association has unanimously adopted the following resolution, to wit: That we, the East Norwalk Improvement Association does not recognize the authority of the Commissioners of the Third Taxing District to (a) form a Library Planning Committee and (b) that Committee, if indeed formed by the TTD Commissioners, does not carry with it any authority regarding the organization, conduct, or operation of the Association's Library. Since its founding of the East Norwalk Library in 1915 by the Association, its Library has been operated and managed solely by the Association as part of its organizational authority. Further, the electors of the Third Taxing District, at each of its Annual Meetings, has the singular and sole relationship regarding the operation of the Association Library by enabling the approval of the Association's budget as part of the overall operating budget of the District itself.

Therefore, under the circumstances outlined for the formation of a Library Planning Committee in the District's Special Meeting of April 1, 2015, the Board of the Association further declines to participate in such a Committee and will take whatever action necessary, to assure and protect its right for the operation, management and conduct of its Association Library.

It is our plan and purpose, therefore, to create such a Library Planning Committee to be comprised of 3 Board members of the East Norwalk Association; the 3 Third Taxing District Commissioners; and 3 members of the East Norwalk public.

This, we believe will adhere to the sense of the motion made and vote taken at the TTD 2015 Annual Meeting regarding the forming of a tri-party Committee and will retain the authority to form such a Committee with the East Norwalk Association which maintains management and operating control of the Association Library.

As to the approval, by the Electors, in the Annual Meeting of January 2014, regarding enabling a sum of money be set aside for a Master Plan consultancy regarding the Association Library, we contend that such a Master Plan and Consultant as chosen, be managed by the Board of the Association which, as stated within this document and previously on many other occasions, has the sole authority of the conduct of its Association Library. Toward that end, and as part of its service to the East Norwalk Community, The Board would most certainly seek the input of the District electors, Library users, and others based upon the advice and plan of the Consultant hired for such a Master Plan -- which is the basis for the creation of a Library Planning Committee.

Respectfully submitted: Jim Anderson, President,
East Norwalk Improvement Association dba as the Norwalk Association.