



Monica Nino, County Administrator
County Administration Building
1025 Escobar St, Martinez, CA

February 16, 2026

Lamar Hernandez-Thorpe, Mayor
Antioch City Hall
200 2nd St, Antioch, CA 94509

Dear Administrator Nino:

As mayor of the City of Antioch, I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent closure of the Antioch Branch of the Contra Costa County Library. To say that I am shocked at the overnight closure of the library is an understatement, given that at no point were Antioch residents given warning of this possibility.

I am even more concerned about the reasons for the Library's closing, specifically safety concerns. According to our city administration, no one in the City of Antioch, including the police chief, was informed of any safety concerns by Contra Costa County regarding the library.

While I recognized that the County is responsible for the safety and security of the Antioch Library and not the city of Antioch, we would have been more than willing to work with the county regarding any safety concerns at the library, considering it serves so many Antioch residents.

In the past, when the County sought funding from the City of Antioch to increase the Library's business hours and serve as a warming center, my colleagues and I were more than willing to support the County's request.

On behalf of the 120,000+ residents of Antioch, I am asking that you work with the City of Antioch to find a resolution that works for our residents. Thank you in advance for your time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L.A.T.", written in a cursive style.

Lamar A. Hernandez-Thorpe