

From: [Nancy Levinson](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418: Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 2:59:27 PM

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Re: Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet **Archive**.

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I write to encourage you to **vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive**.

Founded in San Francisco in 1996, the Internet Archive is a non-profit research library with an ambitious mission: “Universal Access to All Knowledge.” It fulfills this mission by providing online access to a comprehensive library of books, periodicals, audio, video, archived web sites, and other cultural artifacts.

The Internet Archive is an invaluable resource for journalism and scholarship. To note just a few examples from our experience at [Places Journal](#):

- For an article on [Soul City](#), the Black utopian new town that’s now a ghost town, we found the original 1974 prospectus at the Archive.
- For an article on [Robert Weaver](#), the civil rights leader and first HUD Secretary, we found his 1948 classic *The Negro Ghetto* at the Archive.
- For an article on [the contentious politics of the drinking fountain](#), we found an 1858 paper proposing the installation of public drinking fountains in British cities. We also found Rosa Parks’s memoir about growing up in Montgomery, Alabama, and encountering “whites only” fountains as a young girl.

I could offer many more examples of how much we have come to rely upon the Internet Archive to ensure that our articles are factually accurate and historically detailed.

Digital libraries like the Internet Archive are necessary to protect democratized access to information and knowledge — including to resources that the public might not otherwise be able to access due to book bans, physical obstacles, geographic distance, or licensing unavailability.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web.

As a journal editor — and San Francisco resident, District 9 — I urge you **to vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418)**.

Sincerely,

Nancy Levinson

Nancy Levinson
Editor and Executive Director

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From: [Juliya Ziskina](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 3:05:22 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.**

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Digital libraries like the Internet Archive are necessary to protect democratized access to information, knowledge, and truth. The Internet Archive’s lending library provides access to and preserves books that the public might not otherwise be able to access, either due to book bans, physical obstacles, or geographic or licensing unavailability.

As an attorney and researcher, the Internet Archive has been indispensable to my work. I volunteer for an international NGO, currently researching international law for a proposal on how to support Ukraine's reconstruction. I have found several primary and secondary sources on IA that otherwise I would not have had access to. I'm not affiliated with a university or institution, so often gaining access to material is challenging for me. IA has been a lifesaver and contributed substantially to my work making a difference for my home country of Ukraine.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to **please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).**

Sincerely,
Juliya Ziskina
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Sunnyside, NY 11104

From: [Isa H](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\); Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 3:06:42 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors - and my supe - board president Aaron Peskin,

I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.**

The Internet Archive library can only have been created in San Francisco [SF] as SF is an innovation lightning rod of Silicon Valley.

And We (San Franciscans) know tech can be greedy - but not The Internet Archive [IA].

IA has given back "ten fold" to this region with innovation in librarianship & technology and with a kind heart: it provides

- a place to read and learn
- a place that is based in SF
- and employs local folks
- and buys as local as possible
- provides free internet in the neighborhood
- + so much more.

That's a thumbs up in this SF native's book.

San Francisco should absolutely stand with one of its children, with the Internet Archive - a space to access knowledge anywhere in the world.

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**please vote yes on the resolution in
Support of the Internet Archive (file no.
230418).**

Sincerely,

Isa Herico-Velasco
SF District 3 Resident
& Employed in SF
& Married in SF
& SF Parent
& SF Small Business
& SF Native & staying in SF because I believe in it & us <3

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From: [Drini Cami](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 3:13:45 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Hello from Canada! I am writing today to encourage you to vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.

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The Internet Archive is the only place where many books can be accessed. As a non-profit org with a for-good mission, I think it's so important to have an organization like this in the online realm fighting for things like public access, long term vision (long as in millenia), and open source software. All of which the Internet Archive does. Whether archiving tweets, one-off blog posts from the 90s, or the longest standing institution of knowledge, books, the Internet Archive is helping make sure that the past and the present make their way into the future. Public access, and free of charge.

When I see episodes of futuristic shows like Star Trek, I know that the work the Internet Archive is doing today will be the only source of data about certain periods for those people of the future.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Sincerely,

Drini Cami
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From: [Sharon Hammond](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 4:02:06 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.**

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The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to **please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).**

Sincerely,

Sharon Hammond
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Orlando, FL 32803

From: [Brenton Cheng](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 4:45:32 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.

The Internet Archive, a non-profit research library, founded in San Francisco in 1996, provides online access to a comprehensive library of books, periodicals, audio, video, archived web sites and other cultural artifacts.

Digital libraries like the Internet Archive are necessary to protect democratized access to information, knowledge, and truth. The Internet Archive's lending library provides access to and preserves books that the public might not otherwise be able to access, either due to book bans, physical obstacles, or geographic or licensing unavailability.

People from all over the world who lack access to educational materials are able to find what they need at the Internet Archive to become educated citizens.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Thank you.

-Brenton

Brenton Cheng
678 Fairview Street
Oakland, CA 94609

From: [Benjamin Reinhardt](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 4:53:08 PM

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Hello!

I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of the Board of Supervisors' [resolution file no. 230418](#), Support of the Internet Archive.**

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Digital libraries like the Internet Archive are necessary to protect democratized access to information, knowledge, and the means to fact-check. The Internet Archive’s lending library provides access to and preserves many books that the public might not otherwise be able to access otherwise, because of rarity, book bans, visual accessibility factors, physical obstacles, or geographic or licensing unavailability.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Ben Reinhardt
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From: [Ariel Liu](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 5:07:16 PM

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Dear SF Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to ask for your support of the Internet Archive by voting in favor of the Board of Supervisors' [resolution file no. 230418](#).

For those who don't know, the Internet Archive is a non-profit research library that was founded in our very own San Francisco back in 1996. Its mission is to make knowledge accessible to everyone by providing online access to a massive library of books, periodicals, audio, video, archived websites, and other cultural goodies.

Digital libraries like the Internet Archive are super important because they give everyone equal access to information, which is especially critical in today's world where accurate information can be hard to come by. The Internet Archive's lending library is especially great because it lets people access books that would otherwise be really tough to find - like rare books, books that are banned, and books that are hard to get because of where you live or licensing restrictions.

All in all, the Internet Archive is doing some really important work in promoting access to knowledge and culture, so I'm hoping you'll join me in voting yes on the resolution in support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418). Thanks!

Ariel Liu
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Portland, OR 97214

From: [Sahar Massachi](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting for 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 6:06:24 PM

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Hello!

In short -- Please vote in favor of the Board of Supervisors' [resolution file no. 230418](#), Support of the Internet Archive.

More -- I'm a fan of the Internet Archive, and have been for years. It's truly a place run for the public good. They take their mission (Universal Access to All Knowledge) seriously -- they even use custom code to run their web servers in a way that might maximize readability if they're ever discovered by a future civilization. (Even at the cost of "efficiency"). Those are the kind of little tweaks that show how much they care.

They're also truly a nonprofit library. I think they're recognized as a library by (and in the system of) the State of California. They really are a real library! It's very cool.

As a library, they use controlled digital lending, which is what it sounds like: only lending as many items as they physically own, making sure items are returned before they can be loaned out again, and so on. Their library is used by people around the world -- often people who are impoverished in other countries, or need rare items, or are disabled in some way.

The Internet Archive does crucial work. They're a modern day Library of Alexandria. It's hard to think of any tech-adjacent organization that is more obviously on the side of the angels.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Sahar Massachi
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Thank you.

From: [Rebecca Li](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 6:55:29 PM

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I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of the Board of Supervisors' [resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.](#)**

Personally, I believe that free access to knowledge is one of the most important ways we can educate and strengthen our society. In trying times of political turmoil, climate change and social justice, we need knowledge spread far and wide. The internet archive is a key defender of knowledge, and we need to support them.

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Rebecca Li
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From: [Ekate Kuznetsova](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 7:44:25 PM

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I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of the Board of Supervisors' [resolution file no. 230418](#), Support of the Internet Archive.**

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Ekaterina Kuznetsova
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From: [Fred von Lohmann](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: re file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:30:24 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to encourage you to vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.

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As a SF resident, I have used the resources made available by the Internet Archive for almost two decades. By gradually expanding their efforts over that time, the Internet Archive has reached more and more underserved communities, most recently those who have print disabilities via their book scanning efforts.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Sincerely,

Fred von Lohmann
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San Francisco, CA 94114

From: [Kat Vellos](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:37:40 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.**

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As an author, it's very important to me that readers always have access to the books that I create. And as a reader, I very much stand with librarians and support the free and accessible access to books and knowledge for all Americans.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to **please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).**

Sincerely,

Kat Vellos
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From: [Rob Sheldon](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, "Support of the Internet Archive"
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:56:36 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

In the 1980s, some computing magazines included complete programs. If you were patient, you could type them in to your computer and play whatever game or graphics demonstration the author had shared. That was my very first step towards becoming a software developer: I visited my local public library in Livermore, borrowed magazines, and laboriously copied the programs in them. [1] I was 7.

My library gave me access to opportunities that would become a career, that would in turn support many other people and organizations.

Access to knowledge has changed dramatically in 35 years, and card catalogs have been replaced by search engines. So, too, are libraries changing, both in form and concept. Some libraries offer services now that would have been difficult to imagine in 1984 (like 3D printing!). Other libraries are dedicating enormous resources to digitize vast collections of material, to ensure broad, long-term accessibility -- and support bright new opportunities for many more people.

This is the mission at the heart of the Internet Archive, headquartered in your city: "Universal Access to All Knowledge." The Archive is a modern library; it is both a product of the American library culture, and its next evolutionary step. Everyone at the Archive is passionate not just about the Archive specifically, but about libraries and what they represent: fostering access to knowledge for all people. The Archive's vast inventory is freely available to anyone with an internet connection.

This is my personal letter to you, the Board, written in the hopes that you will recognize the Internet Archive as one of San Francisco's many brilliant organizations dedicated to the arts and sciences, by voting in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, "Support of the Internet Archive".

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Rob Sheldon
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Grass Valley, CA 95945

[1]: One of them might have been this very listing from the July 1982 copy of *Creative Computing*: <https://archive.org/details/creativecomputing-1982-07/page/n191/mode/2up>

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Rob Sheldon
Core Infrastructure Software Engineer at the Internet Archive

From: [Henry Chen](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:11:20 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.

The Internet Archive is a jewel of San Francisco. It is located in the Richmond District, not far from where I used to live. Its mission is to provide universal access to all knowledge, which it does by making available digitized versions of all manners of recorded human knowledge, ranging from books and CDs to palm-leaf manuscripts. The Archive is perhaps best known for the Wayback Machine, which archives the internet, allowing people to find websites from the past that have since been updated or taken down.

I myself am lucky enough to have access to a good local library, as well as UC Berkeley's library system due to my alumni membership. However, I use the Archive a lot for my academic research to save myself the drive. But many other people rely on the Internet Archive. In 2007–08, the Archive was a partner in the Million Book Project, led by Carnegie-Mellon University but funded largely by the Indian and Chinese governments—that helped people the world over, particularly in less developed parts of the world, access books, primarily in Chinese, English, Telugu, and Arabic. Today, the Archive is also used by journalists to identify cases where governments have tried to rewrite history by removing or changing information on websites. Many of my academic friends use the Archive; for example, Sam Slote thanked the Archive for allowing him to research easily his landmark *Annotations to James Joyce's Ulysses*, published just last year by Oxford University Press.

For the sake of all of us who rely on the Internet Archive to access information that would either be hard or even impossible to get to, please vote yes on on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Sincerely,
Henry Chen

From: [Maria Bustillos](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: In support of Board Resolution File no: 230418
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:47:45 AM

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Dear Members of the Board

I'm writing in support of Board Resolution File no. 230418 in support of libraries, including digital libraries such as San Francisco's Internet Archive.

I'm a writer, editor, and a lifelong beneficiary of libraries, and I find it hard to believe that we're living in a time of book bannings, censorship, and attempts to defund and close libraries—and yet, here we are. The future of libraries in the United States is under real and immediate threat.

The proposed resolution offers the exact support our libraries need right now. It recognizes "the essential rights of all libraries to own, preserve, and lend both digital and print books to the residents of San Francisco and the wider public," and supports the Internet Archive's public service mission. Finally, and I believe most importantly, the resolution spells out the urgent need for lawmakers to protect digital ownership rights for libraries, because ebooks are books; the law must preserve, for digital books, the same traditional rights libraries have always had with respect to print books.

There's not a moment to lose, if we want real libraries—free repositories and sharers of culture, as we've known them all our lives—to be preserved for future generations.

The Internet Archive is among the greatest of the city's many national treasures. Please vote in support of this resolution.

Thank you,

Maria Bustillos

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she/her/hers

From: [Jeff Sharpe](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support Internet Archive!
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:19:43 AM

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SUBJECT: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.**

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San Francisco should be proud to be the city hosting the Internet Archive!

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to **please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).**

Sincerely,
Jeff Sharpe



Virus-free. www.avast.com

From: [Wohlmur, Colyn](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Kumar, Beth](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 2:50:32 PM
Attachments: [resolution 230418 GTU support.pdf](#)

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Greetings,

Attached is a letter of support for BoS resolution file no. 230418.

I will be in attendance tomorrow, and will be most pleased to answer any questions you have.

Kind regards,

Colyn

Ms Colyn Rachel Wohlmur

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April 17, 2023

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.**

As a graduate-level academic library, we have maintained a globally relevant research collection for 60 years. Our focus is on Religion and Theology, but particularly on inter-religious dialogue and the history of denominational developments. Due to a new strategic plan, we have had to decrease our publicly accessible space by half. As a result, we have donated roughly 60,000 items to Internet Archive to preserve access to these materials.

While our collection must continue to grow to maintain accreditable standards for graduate education, we will need to continue donating materials to the archive to stay in the new footprint. Many books in our discipline are not available electronically, which is why IA's work to digitize print and lend electronic surrogates is so vital. Without their support, our students' and faculty's important work would be immediately and irrevocably impoverished.

Free digital libraries like the Internet Archive are necessary to protect the depth and breadth of scholarship as prices increase faster than our budget allows. Covid demonstrated a need to rapidly pivot access to a hybrid model, but library funding is not equipped to respond so quickly to such demand. IA has filled the gap and profoundly eased the difficulty of that transition.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to **please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).**

Sincerely,

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From: [Work](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 11:45:26 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to encourage you to vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.

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The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Sincerely,

111 Jersey St
Boston, MA 02215

Duncan Hall

From: [Adam Reis](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:02:10 PM

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To whom it may concern,

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Adam Reis
2731 Folsom St
San Francisco, CA 94110

From: [Martin Czygan](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:02:30 PM

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Personally, the Internet Archive helped me numerous times in the past decades to carry out my research by providing backup copies of critical, but vanished online sources and other digital media.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Sincerely,
Martin Czygan

Martin Czygan
Leipzig University Library
Beethovenstr. 6
04107 Leipzig

From: [Clare Talbot](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:02:51 PM

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Sincerely,
Clare Talbot

From: [Austin Lee](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:08:06 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

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The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Sincerely,
Austin Lee, CEO KAYA
3179 6th street, Boulder CO

From: [Larry Dieterich](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:10:20 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to encourage you to vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.

Founded in San Francisco in 1996, the Internet Archive is a real treasure — a privately-funded, non-profit, free public research library that is open 24 hours a day. The Internet Archive fulfills its mission, “Universal Access to All Knowledge,” by providing online access to a comprehensive library of books, periodicals, audio, video, archived web sites and other cultural artifacts.

Wisdom is the most important thing. Wisdom comes from knowledge, and knowledge comes from learning. The Internet Archive, with its easy and egalitarian access to a wide range of learning materials, is supporting the creation and expansion of wisdom in the world.

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As a writer, I rely on books for my research and I consider the Internet Archive the best lending library by far, because I can access a vast resource of published books from wherever I am. The ability to “go to the library” at any time of day or night, without traveling, is important to me. The Internet Archive has reduced my carbon footprint by eliminating travel for research.

It is my opinion that digital books are better than paper books. The Internet Archive provides convenient access to materials that are not available anywhere else. The digital books lent by the Internet Archive are indestructible; they can’t be lost or damaged. A real benefit of the digital books I borrow from the Internet Archive is that I can increase the size of the print, which is great for people like me with vision impairment. Moreover, one can easily search the full text of the books to find unexpected and useful information.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Sincerely,
Larry Dieterich
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Davis, CA
95616

From: [Laura Gibbs](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Board resolution file no: 230418
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:10:44 PM

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My name is Laura Gibbs, and I am an educator writing to you in support of Resolution 230418.

The Internet Archive is a library that is accessible to teachers and learners everywhere. For years, the Internet Archive has done the great work of acquiring books, scanning them, and making them available with controlled digital lending. I borrow books from the Archive literally every day for my research and writing, and I always recommend the Internet Archive in my work with educators around the world. The world needs books, which means we need the Internet Archive, and I hope that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors will vote in support of this resolution.

Thank you.

Laura Gibbs

From: [Wendy Hanamura](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:13:53 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a SF native and resident, and I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.**

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[ADD something personal about why the Internet Archive is important to you, OR DELETE]

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to **please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).**

Sincerely,
Wendy Hanamura

From: [Michael Karpeles](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:16:02 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please vote in favor of the Board of Supervisors' resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.

My name is Michael E. Karpeles (Mek). For nearly a decade (2011-2020) I lived in the Mission, San Francisco, and volunteered at the Internet Archive for more than a year before finding a way to make it my full time job. I am also a 2022 Berkman Klein Center affiliate at Harvard University where I advocate for digital rights that protect our country's most vulnerable and underserved.

I believe in a future for America where our cities and our representatives fight to protect and secure opportunities for patrons of all walks to access educational resources online, such as those offered by the Internet Archive's Open Library. I celebrate the Internet Archive's bravery in pursuing Controlled Digital Lending (CDL): a good faith path to help libraries bring their rightfully acquired physical resources online in ways that improve their accessibility and usefulness for patrons who may be traditionally underserved and left behind. CDL stays true to the way libraries have always worked: rightfully acquiring print materials from authors and publishers via the first sale doctrine and eliminating obstacles to better reach those who are rightfully entitled to these materials.

For these reasons, I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of the Board of Supervisors' resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.**

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The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to **please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).**

Sincerely,

Michael E. Karpeles (Mek)

7 Digital Drive, Nashua, NH 03062
(Formerly 2895 24th St, SF, CA)

From: [Anvita Pandit](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:17:43 PM

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I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of the Board of Supervisors' [resolution file no. 230418](#), Support of the Internet Archive.**

I love the work that the Internet Archive has done to preserve online websites and I use it regularly to access old cultural content that doesn't exist anywhere else.

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The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Anvita Pandit
18 Central St, Apt A
Somerville, MA 02143

From: [Laura Crossett](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:30:27 PM

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To the Board of Supervisors:

I am not a resident of San Francisco, unless you count the summer I spent there in 1996 while in college, when I was a regular user of the San Francisco Public Library. I'm now a regular user of one of San Francisco's other wonderful libraries, the Internet Archive, founded that same year I first came to SF, and I'm writing today to voice my support for resolution file no. 230418.

I am a lifelong library user, a fifteen year public library veteran, and a current library advocate (I work for Library Futures but am writing today solely as myself). More and more books (and movies and music and websites and—the list could go on) enter our world each year, and our physical libraries must let go of some of them to make room for new ones. But our world would be much the worse if we lost those books for good. One of many invaluable services the Internet Archive provides is preserving those books—and making them accessible to readers and researchers around the country and around the world.

I urge you to vote yes on this resolution in support of the Internet Archive's work, especially as they face threats for doing what libraries have always done—lending books.*

Sincerely,

Laura Crossett
1420 Yewell St.
Iowa City, IA 52240

*I've written about the issue at greater length, with more citations, should you be really interested and have time on your hands (unlikely, given what I know about the job of being an elected official): <https://lauracrossett.substack.com/p/information-is-meant-to-be-shared>.

Laura Crossett
newrambler.net since 1999
lauracrossett.com

From: [Lia Holland](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:32:23 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.**

As a digital rights activist at a national nonprofit, I have watched with concern as libraries' rights and the public's access to trustworthy knowledge and information shrink. As my focus is primarily on digital human rights, I can state unequivocally the necessity of libraries being allowed to function in their traditional roles moving forward into the 21st century—which specifically include the preservation of diverse works against the ravages of time and profit.

Today, many diverse and local voices are published in digital-only formats, like ebooks and audiobooks, a majority of which libraries cannot preserve or even lend. This needs to change. And it must change in a way that does not cement Big Tech intermediaries into libraries' relationships with ebook and audiobook files, as is currently happening. Big Tech's surveillance capitalism business model is incompatible with the mission of a library—to provide private access to the world's knowledge and information.

If libraries cannot own the files of the digital books they loan, library patrons will lose many of the benefits of a library including the ability to read a text without being surveilled or punished for doing so, as well as assurance that the text they are reading has not been altered or censored at the whims of publishing shareholders. State attorney generals could subpoena big tech companies for a library patron's intimate data, including their even searching for a book on abortion, or gender-affirming care—and meanwhile, the library patron might discover that all the pages with the lifesaving information they need have been redacted or deleted by the publisher.

For more on this subject, please see my op-ed in Fast Company: <https://www.fastcompany.com/90773185/a-major-publishing-lawsuit-would-cement-surveillance-into-the-future-of-libraries>

In their appeal, the Internet Archive is fighting a brave and worthy battle on all our behalves, in addition to playing a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to **please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).**

Sincerely,

Lia Holland
PO Box 55071 #95005, Boston, MA 02205

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My 4 day work week is Monday through Thursday.

From: bzpetroff@icloud.com
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:49:01 PM

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Dear SF Board of Supervisors,

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As a native San Franciscan, I can not tell you how precious this asset is both to San Francisco and to the world. It is something that the city should be very proud of.

I am asking you to **please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).** Thank you in advance for your support and I appreciate all the work you all do for our beautiful city!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Petroff
San Francisco - District 6

From: [Simone Elias](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Pass the resolution in support of the internet archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 1:19:20 PM

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Hello Board of Supervisors, I'm Simone Elias. The Internet Archive is an important organization doing worlds of good in the fields of making information available to everyone. I'm a strong believer that information should not have to be paid for, and the Internet Archive deserves to keep doing good. Please pass the Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.

**Best,
Simone Elias**

From: [Akhil Aryan](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 1:30:37 PM

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The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Akhil P
95-15, 71st Ave, Forest Hills, NY

Akhil Aryan
Ideating @ ION

From: [Kay Savetz](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 1:43:46 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

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Internet Archive is vital to me in my roles as both a historian and researcher. I use it to find information about the topics I am researching: information that would be difficult, time-consuming, or simply impossible to find by other means. As a content creator, I publish almost everything I create to Internet Archive to ensure that future researchers, historians, and hobbyists will be able to utilize it.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Sincerely,
Kay Savetz
5659 River St.
West Linn Oregon 97068

From: [Kevin O'Heir](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 1:56:44 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

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Sincerely,
Kevin O'Heir
197 Tamalpais Rd
Fairfax, CA 94930

From: [Jonathan Bloom](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 2:08:26 PM

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Sincerely,
Jonathan Bloom

From: [Jamie Joyce](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 2:19:56 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to cast your vote in support of the resolution file no. 230418, endorsing the Internet Archive. The Internet Archive has a rich, 27 year history as a nonprofit research institution which has grown to serve the world and thousands of institutions, schools, and government departments. It is a critical, local institution deserving of support. Its mission is to enable “Universal Access to All Knowledge” by offering public, online access to cultural works, books, journals, audio, video, and the archived history of the web; which may otherwise be unattainable due to politicized bans, physical barriers, internet decay, or constraints related to geography or licensing.

Before joining the Internet Archive as an employee, I was an active user of the Archive as a researcher working at a collective intelligence institute. Their offerings were critical to conducting our research, so please offer your support by voting in favor of the resolution to support the Internet Archive (file no. 230418). As a citizen and social servant myself - it is paramount to support the Archive.

Thank you so much for your service,

Jamie

From: [Scott Reid Barnes](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Email of support, file number 230418 (Support of the Internet Archive)
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 2:30:44 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

Please support resolution file number 230418 (Support of the Internet Archive).

The Internet Archive is essential because digital libraries are essential, and the Internet Archive is a one of a kind digital library dedicated to universal access to all knowledge--just as a library should be.

Digital libraries are essential because they increase access for everyone. Even those who live physically near a large university library cannot always avail themselves of the collection. First, they must have access privileges there, and second, they must have the time and resources to visit that physical library. Further, no matter how many libraries one has nearby, other collections further afield will always have things the local collections lack. Digital access makes all libraries equally close and equally available to almost everyone.

Further, many people do not live near large physical libraries, or otherwise face barriers, whether physical or financial, in accessing those nearby libraries. Digital libraries make it possible for people all over to access information, whether it's someone in downtown San Francisco with mobility issues, or someone in a remote region of another city, state, or nation who doesn't have good access to books on, for example, electrical engineering, or who has no English-language lending library within hundreds of miles.

In my daily life, Internet Archive makes it possible for me to travel through time and space as I seek to learn about and understand the world in which I live, whether it's looking up obscure mountaineering records in old copies of the Sierra Club Bulletin, or looking at more recent and yet out of print books I can't find anywhere else, even used.

Libraries such as the Internet Archive are essential, and they should be able to perform their essential functions as a library. This includes controlled digital lending. Please vote in favor of resolution file number 230418.

Sincerely,

Scott Barnes
7675 E. Eucalyptus Way, Anaheim, CA 92808

From: [Rachel Brooke](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter in Support of Resolution no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 2:46:17 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to encourage you to vote in favor of **Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive**. I write on behalf of [Authors Alliance](#), a California nonprofit founded in 2014 that exists to advance the interests of authors who want to serve the public good by sharing their creations broadly. We support policies that help keep knowledge available and accessible, and speak out on behalf of authors like our members who are passionate about seeing their works make an impact on the world through broad access and sharing.

The Internet Archive, a nonprofit research library founded in San Francisco in 1996, is an invaluable resource for authors, readers, and the public writ large. Its digital library provides access to countless works of authorship including books, periodicals, audio, video, archived web sites and other cultural artifacts. Authors Alliance has long supported the Internet Archive, as do our members. The Internet Archive's work serves our goal of supporting authorship in the digital age in at least three distinct ways.

First, the Internet Archive's digital library helps authors see their works reach readers, ensuring their works are broadly accessible to interested readers who could not otherwise access them, such as print and mobility disabled readers unable to access texts in physical libraries. Second, the Internet Archive's work helps ensure that these works are preserved, keeping them from disappearing into obscurity once they are no longer available commercially. The typical commercial life of a book is very short, and Internet Archive's digital library helps preserve the knowledge these works advance so this knowledge is not lost. Third, the Internet Archive's digital library is a powerful research tool for authors engaged in creating new works of authorship. Particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, when many physical libraries were closed, the Internet Archive's digital library allowed authors to continue their work by protecting their ability to do the research necessary to create new works of authorship.

Digital libraries like the Internet Archive are crucial to protecting access to information, knowledge, and truth. This resolution comes at a moment when this role is more important than ever—book bans, disinformation, and efforts to block access to knowledge threaten the information ecosystem, and the Internet Archive represents an important and necessary opposition to such forces.

For these reasons, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Sincerely,

Rachel Brooke, Authors Alliance Senior Staff Attorney
1477 5th Street
Oakland, CA 94607

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Rachel Brooke
Senior Staff Attorney
Authors Alliance

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From: [Jacob Ford](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Board resolution file no: 230418
Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023 6:15:59 AM

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It strikes me that, were it developed today, the beloved local public library might be legally burned out of existence. Why are we so eager to lock up digital words?

Access to information is a powerful force. It will have enemies. Those who practice it almost always win the war of public opinion historically, but in the moment must be protected.

Comma,
Jacob Ford
Designer About Town

Sent from my Underwood Portable

From: [Meikle Hall](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Board resolution file no: 230418
Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023 9:53:06 AM

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Greetings from the Coast of Maine where, even though we are on the other side of the country, we gratefully recognize the importance of San Francisco's Internet Archive.

The Internet Archive is a tremendous resource to readers, researchers, students, archivists, writers, and preservationist all around the world - for free!
Please support Board resolution file no: 230418 and let everyone know that San Francisco supports universal access to all knowledge and the Internet Archive.

Thank you!

Meikle

From: [Chris Freeland](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Sunday, April 16, 2023 5:45:40 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.**

The Internet Archive is a non-profit research library, founded in San Francisco in 1996. The Internet Archive fulfills its mission, “Universal Access to All Knowledge,” by providing online access to a comprehensive library of books, periodicals, audio, video, archived web sites and other cultural artifacts.

Digital libraries like the Internet Archive are necessary to protect democratized access to information, knowledge, and truth. The Internet Archive’s lending library provides access to and preserves books that the public might not otherwise be able to access, either due to book bans, physical obstacles, or geographic or licensing unavailability.

As a librarian, I am proud to work for a library that works to democratize information by providing everyone, everywhere access to a great research library online.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please **vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).**

Sincerely,

Chris

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Chris Freeland
Director of Open Libraries
Internet Archive
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@chrisfreeland
(314) 518-2412

From: [Lauretta](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:13:59 AM

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Sincerely,

Lauretta

From: [Cari Spivack](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SUBJECT: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:14:06 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

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Sincerely,

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Cari Spivack
she/her
Product Counsel
Internet Archive
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San Francisco, CA 94118
415.987.5478
Our mission is to provide Universal Access to All Knowledge.

From: [Catherine Falls](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:19:34 AM

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Sincerely,

Catherine Falls

From: [Louisa Cohen](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:20:37 AM

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Sincerely, Louisa Cohen

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Louisa Cohen

General Manager, The Permanent

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From: [Ace Volkov](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:23:22 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

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Sincerely,

Ace Volkov
2443 Fillmore St, San Francisco 94115.
Internet Archive Team

From: [Anish Sarangi](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:25:09 AM

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The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to **please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).**

Sincerely, Anish

From: [Timothy Bigelow](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:32:51 AM

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The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to **please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).**

Sincerely,

Tim Bigelow
10 Reservoir St
Boylston, MA 01505

From: [Robert Keizer](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for #230418, Support for the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:52:54 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to encourage you to vote in favor of the Board of Supervisors resolution file number 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.

The Internet Archive is an invaluable cultural, educational, and historical resource for thousands upon thousands of people throughout the world. In many cases the non-profit organization is the sole source for a variety of material that spans a wide range of media types from literature, audio and video, to obscure independent games from the 1980s. These are resources that would otherwise not be available to the public, and potentially could be lost to history. This material is made available throughout the world - including to people where a public is simply not available.

The above does not even mention the massive public service that the organization provides by way of "The Wayback Machine", which is continually cited as a source of truth for historical content on the web.

I have personally used the resources that the organization makes available for a wide variety of tasks from repairing a 60+ year old tractor, to experimenting and building energy storage devices.

Please vote yes on file number 230418.

Thank you for reading this letter of support.

Rob Keizer

1096E Road 81N
Argyle MB
Canada

From: [Patrick Hsieh](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 11:12:19 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.**

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Digital libraries like the Internet Archive are necessary to protect democratized access to information, knowledge, and truth. The Internet Archive's lending library provides access to and preserves books that the public might not otherwise be able to access, either due to book bans, physical obstacles, or geographic or licensing unavailability.

I have utilized the lending library to personally educate myself into new careers, and gain fulfilling knowledge everyday. Our future generations - which live online - need access to the knowledge and history that the Internet Archive provides.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to **please vote YES on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).**

Sincerely,

Patrick Hsieh
360 Eureka St, San Francisco CA 94114

From: [Jenica Jessen](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 11:17:26 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to encourage you to vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.

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The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Sincerely,

Jenica Jessen

229 Willard North St.
Apt 6
San Francisco, CA 94118

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Jenica Jessen
Digital Marketing Manager
Internet Archive

My working day may not be your working day. Please don't feel obliged to reply to this e-mail outside of your normal working hours.

From: [Brewster Kahle](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 11:30:13 AM
Attachments: [Letter of support for file no. 230418 Support of the Internet Archive.msg](#)

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From: [Brewster Kahle](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 11:29:44 AM
Attachments: [OpenPGP_0xAA1ADD8DB38DD270.asc](#)
[OpenPGP_signature.dat](#)

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I am writing today to encourage you to **vote in favor of Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.**

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Research libraries, like the Internet Archive, are necessary to protect democratized access to information, knowledge, and truth. The Internet Archive’s lending library provides access to and preserves books that the public might not otherwise be able to access, either due to book bans, physical obstacles, or geographic or licensing unavailability.

I helped found the organization in 1996 and it has grown in importance and use as the Internet has grown in importance. San Francisco supervisors have always been in support of us, and it helps.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to **please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).**

Sincerely,

Brewster Kahle Digital Librarian 513B Simonds Loop
San Francisco, California 94129

From: [Victoria Python](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:25:40 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I urge your support and yes vote on this resolution in support of San Francisco's (and the world's) Internet Archive.

I am grateful to the Internet Archive especially for its presence during the early days of the pandemic when we were in lockdown and public libraries were closed. Their library contributed mightily to my mental health and well-being. It continues to be a source of information that can't be found on Google or in our great SF public library system.

Libraries are a repository of information and culture, especially important for those who have restricted access to this information otherwise due to disability, income or any other reason.

Thank you for demonstrating your support for libraries by passing this resolution. It is important to do so now when libraries are under threat by entities that would like to get rid of public institutions and libraries altogether.

Best wishes,

Victoria Python
1016 Masonic Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94117

From: [Katie Simpson](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:32:09 AM

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Hi Board of Supervisors,

I wanted to write and support you to **vote in favor of the Board of Supervisors' [resolution file no. 230418](#), Support of the Internet Archive.**

The Internet Archive is a non-profit research library, founded in 1996 in San Francisco. The Internet Archive truly works to fulfill its mission, “Universal Access to All Knowledge,” by providing online access to a comprehensive library of books, periodicals, audio, video, archived web sites and other cultural artifacts.

As an artist, digital libraries like the Internet Archive are necessary to help with my art and making material available. Libraries like this also protect democratized access to information, knowledge, and the means to fact-check. The Internet Archive’s lending library provides access to and preserves many books that the public might not otherwise be able to access otherwise, because of rarity, book bans, visual accessibility factors, physical obstacles, or geographic or licensing unavailability.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Thank you for your time,
Katie Simpson
1288 Treat Ave
SF, CA 94110

From: [Daniel Khalaf](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please vote to support the Internet Archive.
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:10:49 AM

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Hello!

Please vote in favor of the Board of Supervisors' resolution file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive.

I'm a fan of the Internet Archive, and have been for years. It's truly a place run for the public good. They take their mission (Universal Access to All Knowledge) seriously -- they even use custom code to run their web servers in a way that might maximize readability if they're ever discovered by a future civilization. (Even at the cost of "efficiency"). Those are the kind of little tweaks that show how much they care.

They're also truly a nonprofit library. I think they're recognized as a library by (and in the system of) the State of California. They really are a real library! It's very cool.

As a library, they use controlled digital lending, which is what it sounds like: only lending as many items as they physically own, making sure items are returned before they can be loaned out again, and so on. Their library is used by people around the world -- often people who are impoverished in other countries, or need rare items, or are disabled in some way.

The Internet Archive does crucial work. They're a modern day Library of Alexandria. It's hard to think of any tech-adjacent organization that is more obviously on the side of the angels.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Sincerely,
Daniel Khalaf

From: [christopher.butler](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 8:44:01 AM

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As first a San Francisco and Daly City resident, I have worked for the Internet Archive for 14 years. A great many of us who work and volunteer here have foregone more lucrative career opportunities to contribute to something we regard as truly special and significantly beneficial to all.

The Internet Archive plays a critical role in providing open, non-discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web. As such, I am asking you to please vote yes on the resolution in Support of the Internet Archive (file no. 230418).

Sincerely,

Chris Butler
18 Westdale Avenue
Daly City, CA 94015

From: [Chris Velasco](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for file no. 230418, Support of the Internet Archive
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 8:33:29 AM

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Libraries are an important part of our lives!

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Sincerely,

Chris Velasco
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