

December 07, 2017

To: Madison Public Library Board of Directors and Cindi Ofstun

From: Carlos Daniel Lara-Bustamante

Re: Dispute of ban from the Madison Public Library

I am writing to provide a brief note regarding the dispute of my ban from the Madison Public Library. This note does not include all of the information that I will share at my appeals hearing at the Madison Public Library Board of Directors meeting on December 7, 2017.

I received a letter about my ban from the library which said a ban was due to an incident that occurred on October 17, 2017. The letter indicated that there were other documented incidents; however, I have never received any notification of any other incidents other than the letter I received about October 17, 2017. The prior instances should not be made a part of this ban decision because I never received the prior notifications.

The incident on October 17, 2017 should be the only incident that is included in the reason that the Madison Public Library put a ban on my library use. I strongly dispute the ban and will explain this below:

Dispute of October 17, 2017: I was at the library on this date working on research and writing for work projects. I was asking for assistance from library staff and my tone of voice may have been considered louder than appropriate for which I apologize. It was never my intention to be threatening, aggressive, or stalking. I believe that the Library Staff's perception is based on a misunderstanding.

In conclusion, I strongly implore the Board of Directors to terminate my ban and allow me to return to the Madison Public Library. The services of the Library are important to me for both professional and personal purposes. If some form of ban is recommended, I respectfully ask that it be reduced to two months so that I can return to the library which I utilize for work projects and studying the French language. This all allows me to be a better citizen. I appreciate the opportunities that the Madison Public Library offers me. I apologize for any negative behavior from October 17, 2017 and will not display any future behavior of this kind. I kindly thank you for your consideration of terminating this ban or minimizing the ban to two months.

Sincerely,



Carlos Daniel Lara-Bustamante