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Charter Revision Public Comment	I'm in favor of keeping the library governance and reporting structure as delineated in sections 201, 502, and 604 of our current charter. I do not support changing the language in these sections.

The system we have had in place for many years has been working. In fact, regarding the oversight of our library director, Bloomfield is operating under an enhanced best practice, as set forth by the subject matter experts at the CT State Library in their municipal library governance guidelines.1

I think it is in the best interests of Bloomfield citizens and the patrons of the library to maintain this higher standard of governance, rather than moving to a lesser standard which would happen if the appointment and removal process for our library director were changed.

Regarding the election of the Library Board of Trustees, I think this elective system has been working and should remain in place. I want to be able to vote for the people who make policy for one of our indispensable community resources. I do not support moving to an appointed board, as was suggested at the May 16, 2024 meeting of the Town Charter Revision Commission.

I think the way these 3 sections are currently written reflect a

system of library governance that's best for Bloomfield, and I urge you not to make any changes to them.

Thank you.

1"The governing body has the authority for hiring, evaluating, and firing the
library director." Connecticut State Library, "Best Practices in CT Public Libraries 2024," ver. 2.1, April 24, 2024, section 3.1 (Governance, Enhanced), p. 30.

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