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Dear City Council,

My name is Christina Valdez and I'm both a resident and small business owner in Lompoc. I sent this same message 2 weeks ago when the topic was originally on the agenda, but I want to send it again today to be sure that it's part of tonight's public comment:

I'm writing with urgency and heartfelt conviction to urge you to **approve funding for a library assistant for the Charlotte's Web Bookmobile.**

The bookmobile is far more than a vehicle full of books—it's a lifeline for literacy, learning, and opportunity, especially for the children and families who need it most. It brings educational programming and vital access to reading materials directly to people that might otherwise be left behind.

Without additional support, the bookmobile cannot reach its full potential. Hiring a library assistant would restore and expand its programs, ensuring this beloved and essential service continues to thrive and reach those who depend on it.

Importantly, the funding request comes entirely from the Charlotte Benton Trust Fund, created specifically to support this very program. This is exactly what those funds were intended for—and it would be a disservice to both Ms. Benton's legacy and the community not to use them in this way.

I strongly urge you to vote in favor of this proposal. Let's invest in literacy, equity, and our youth. Let's empower this mobile library to keep changing lives.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and commitment to our city.

Sincerely,
Christina Valdez