



## Staff Report

### February 11, 2025

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council  
**FROM:** Sarah Comstock, Library Director  
**DATE:** February 11, 2025  
**RE:** Mayor's Appointment on the Loomis Library Board of Trustees

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#### **Recommendation**

Approve the mayor's Library Board of Trustees recommendation of Nicholas Phirippidis and Joanne Ligamari to 3-year terms, and Lorraine Thiebaud to a 1-year term.

#### **Issue Statement and Discussion**

California Education Code Sections 18910-18927 set forth the manner by which the board is to be appointed and the duties of the board. EC §18910 provides that the mayor appoints five members with the consent of the council. The terms of office are three years; however, the first appointed board per ED§18911 establishes the terms of the first board by drawing lots for one member to serve until the end of the current fiscal year, two at the end of one year thereafter and two at the end of two years thereafter. From that point forward, all members serve three-year terms. Vacancies are filled in the same manner as the original appointments are made.

Board member Juanita Garcia stepped down from the library in November 2024, completing two years of her 3-year term, therefore, the council is asked to appoint 1 Trustee to a 1-year tenure to fulfill term. According to Library Board of Trustees Bylaws, vacancies in the library board will be "filled by appointment in a like manner for the remainder of the term only." (Article III, Section 1) Additionally, there are two three-year terms that are up for appointment.

The Town received 5 applicants for the open Board of Trustees seats (attached). Mayor Ring is recommending the following appointments to the council:

#### **3-year Term Seats:**

Nicholas Phirippidis  
Joanne Ligamari

#### **1-year Term Seat:**

Lorraine Thiebaud

Staff is recommending council approve the recommended action.

#### **CEQA REQUIREMENTS**

There are no CEQA implications associated with the recommended action.

#### **FINANCIAL AND/OR POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

None with the recommended action.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Education Code Section 18910-18927
2. Trustee Applications

**EDUCATION CODE  
SECTION 18910-18927**

189J0. The public library shall be managed by a board of library trustees, consisting of five members, to be appointed by the mayor, president of the board of trustees, or other executive head of the municipality, with the consent of the legislative body of the municipality.

189I1. The trustees shall hold office for three years. The members of the first board appointed shall so classify themselves by lot that one of their number shall go out of office at the end of the current fiscal year, two at the end of one year thereafter, and two at the end of two years thereafter. The legislative body of the municipality may, by ordinance, provide for the compensation of such trustees; provided that the respective compensation for such trustees shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50) per month.

18912. Men and women are equally eligible to appointment as trustees.

18913. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointments are made.

18914. Boards of library trustees shall meet at least once a month at such times and places as they may fix by resolution.

18915. Special meetings may be called at any time by three trustees, by written notice served upon each member at least three hours before the time specified for the proposed meeting.

J8916. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

18917. The board shall appoint one of its number president, who shall serve for one year and until his successor is appointed, and in his absence shall select a president pro tern.

18918. The board shall cause a proper record of its proceedings to be kept.

18919. The board of library trustees may make and enforce all rules, regulations, and bylaws necessary for the administration, government, and protection of the libraries under its management, and all property belonging thereto.

18920. The board of library trustees may administer any trust declared or created for the library, and receive by gift, devise, or bequest and hold in trust or otherwise, property situated in this state or elsewhere, and where not otherwise provided, dispose of the property for the benefit of the library.

18921. The board of library trustees may prescribe the duties and powers of the librarian, secretary, and other officers and employees of the library; determine the number of and appoint all officers and employees and fix their compensation. The officers and employees shall hold their offices or positions at the pleasure of the board.

18922. The board of library trustees may purchase necessary books, journals, publications, and other personal property.

18923. The board of library trustees may purchase real property, and erect or rent and equip, such buildings or rooms, as may be necessary, when in its judgment a suitable building, or portion thereof, has not been provided by the legislative body of the municipality for the library.

18924. The board of library trustees may request the appropriate state officials to furnish the library with copies of any and all reports, laws, and other publications of the state not otherwise disposed of by law.

18925. The board of library trustees may borrow books from, lend books to, and exchange books with other libraries, and may allow nonresidents to borrow books upon such conditions as the board may prescribe.

18926. The board of library trustees may do and perform any and all other acts and things necessary or proper to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

18927. The board of library trustees, or if there is no board of trustees, then the administrative head of the library shall, on or before August 31st, in each year, report to the legislative body of the municipality and to the State Librarian on the condition of the library, for the year ending the 30th day of June preceding. The reports shall, in addition to other matters deemed expedient by the board of trustees or administrative head of the library, contain such statistical and other information as is deemed desirable by the State Librarian. For this purpose the State Librarian may send to the several boards of trustees or administrative heads of the library instructions or question blanks so as to obtain the material for a comparative study of library conditions in the state.

Lorraine Thiebaud

[REDACTED]  
Loomis, CA 95650

Home Phone # [REDACTED]

Cell Phone # [REDACTED]

Is this a re-appointment? No

**Why are you interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees?**

It would be an honor to serve on the Library Board of Trustees to ensure that the library continues to serve as a vital community institution, and an integral part of why I love Loomis. About 16 years ago, when we decided to look for a new home in the Sierra foothills, I dreamed of a place where my children could walk to good schools, and where I could walk to a local grocery store, and walk to my local library as I aged. It seemed impossible, but we found it in Loomis.

**How often do you use the Loomis Library and Community Learning Center? What other libraries are you familiar with?**

I rely on the Loomis Library for multiple services. I borrow books and audiobooks, participate in the seed sharing program and other educational classes. I participated in knitting classes when they were offered and have attended enjoyable gardening and science lectures. I like going to the library to meet and connect with new friends.

I am now co-chair of the monthly spice club at the Library. The monthly spice club brings people to the library to learn about and celebrate food. At each meeting, I along with other attendees contribute a dish related to that meeting's spice or country theme. As co-chair, I assist the chair with planning each month's theme. Last year, I presented lectures about increasing bean consumption in meals and different methods of fermentation to promote a healthy microbiome and a safer planet.

I am committed to supporting the Loomis Library. I am a long time member of the Friends of the Loomis Library and when the Loomis Library was renovating the exterior landscaping, my family sponsored memorial bricks for the garden fountain to honor our deceased loved ones and to support the construction efforts.

I am familiar with local libraries and have library cards for numerous libraries, including Placer County, Sacramento, Roseville, and Sierra College. I am also a library card holder for the San Francisco, Berkeley, and Oakland libraries. Due to my familiarity with other libraries, I would love to bring ideas to the Loomis Library to continue to provide and expand essential services for the community. For example, hosting disaster

preparedness and wildlife disaster preparedness lectures, creating classes targeted to small businesses, starting a gardening tool library sharing program, and providing more crafting classes. As a library aficionado, I have loved visiting libraries in my travels in New York, Washington DC, Paris, Saint Petersburg, and London, to name a few places.

**Please share your opinion on the importance of libraries.**

Like Benjamin Franklin, the founder of the first public library in the Americas in 1731, "from a child I was fond of reading." My father, who only had a ninth grade formal education, read books to my brother and I every night. At the age of five, he walked me to our local library to get a library card. From then on, I began a journey of endless adventures and a lifetime of learning through reading. When I adopted my daughter from China, within two days of returning to the United States, I took her to the children's section of the library and watched her share the same delight for reading. Libraries to pass on the joy of reading to each new generation.

Andrew Carnegie, a wealthy US Steel industrialist and philanthropist, funded the construction of nearly 1,700 libraries across the United States. He required every library he built to have a community room to bring people together. I share his vision that libraries are the lifeblood of a healthy community. The best possible gift to any community is a library because it gives people a means to self-education. I grew up in a family that could never afford to buy books. However, my family was never "book poor" due to the generosity of those who worked to provide quality libraries to children and families like mine. I hope to see that tradition continue and guarantee that our local Loomis library and its community center provide open access to future generations of residents of Loomis.

**What challenges do you think our library faces?**

I was excited to see the results of the recent 2024 Prop C elections that showed over 70% Loomis community bipartisan support for our local library! I think the challenge for the library and Library Board of Trustees is to provide the leadership that will merit such continuing support. This means greater transparency, collaboration and outreach to our community to meet the different needs of our small semi rural community.

**Please describe any experience or expertise you have that you feel would be beneficial to the Board of Trustees.**

I was privileged to serve on several Town of Loomis 2020 - 2024 General Plan Update Committees. I also participated in Leadership Loomis Class of 2023.. These experiences will assist me as a Board of Trustees member because I am familiar with the Town of Loomis's operations and challenges.

I worked as a Registered Nurse in a Level 1 Trauma Center for over 40 years, as well as six years in small rural clinics in different parts of Latin America, and as a bilingual Spanish speaking telephone advocate nurse. As a Charge Nurse throughout my nursing career, it was my duty to direct teams of healthcare professionals to work respectfully and collaboratively to provide excellent care in very stressful life and death situations. I have developed exceptional skills at remaining calm during emergencies. I show up at all meetings, take reasonable assigned tasks and complete them in a timely fashion. I have learned the value of working with others responsibly. I am a trained listener and community advocate. For over 10 years, I developed continuing nursing education classes and organized expert speakers for large audiences. My background in nursing and education would assist me in developing relevant and engaging programming as a Board of Trustees member. For example, I could use my experience in nursing education to help develop disaster preparedness classes.

**What segments of the Loomis community do you feel you represent?**

Apart from obviously representing the grey haired retired lady constituency, I am also mother to members of Gen X, Gen Z and a Millennial, and grandmother to a Gen Z and Gen Alpha. As a nurse and as a senior, I have worked with adults and children with disabilities, particularly visual and hearing impairments, and I plan to bring a particular sensitivity to the Library Board of Trustees to meet the needs of our disabled residents.

Together with my husband, we ran a small construction business for over 35 years and I handled most of our bookkeeping and tax payments, experiences which helped me understand the special needs of small business owners that the library can consider in their future programming.

We are an agricultural family with an orchard and organic vegetable garden. We have a third of our land dedicated to growing native plants. and are members of the California Native Plant Society. As such, I share a deep interest in the new gardens at the Loomis Library. In addition, I served as a local chapter past president of the California Rare Fruit Growers and a member of the North American Fruit Explorers. I would use my experience in gardening to grow the gardening programming at the Loomis library.

**Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a Board, commission or Committee? If yes, what position? If no, do you have previous experience on a Board or Commission?**

I do not currently serve on any other local board, commission or committee.

I am a co-founder and on the leadership team of California Nurses for Environmental Health and Justice. <https://www.calnursesforehj.org>

I served as a member of several Town of Loomis 2020 - 2024 General Plan Update Committees. I also participated in Leadership Loomis Class of 2023.

I was a local chapter past president of the California Rare Fruit Growers

**Please add any other information you would like to share.**

It would be an honor to serve on the Loomis Library Board of Trustees and work with other residents to protect and preserve our library as a vibrant and vital community service.





Loomis Library &  
Community Learning Center

## Library Board of Trustees Application

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Name

NICHOLAS PHIRIPPIDIS

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LOOMIS, CA 95650

Phone

(858) 779-4321

Email

nicholas.phirippidis@gmail.com

Yes No

Is this a re-appointment?

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Why are you interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees?

I am the current chair of the Library Board and I would love to continue to give back to my library and community!

How often do you use the Loomis Library & Community Learning Center? What other libraries are you familiar with?

My family and I use the Loomis Library approximately once a week. We are familiar w/ the libraries in Roseville, but generally only use the Loomis Library.



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Please share your opinion on the importance of libraries.

The Loomis Library has become a home away from home for my family over the last 6 years! Libraries are an integral part of a thriving community.

What challenges do you think our library faces?

The biggest challenge is censorship (attempts to ban books, reclassify, or censor) the library also is in dire need of capital improvements and renovations (more office space for staff, ADA, etc.)

Please describe any experience or expertise you have that you feel would be beneficial to the Board of Trustees.

I have three years of experience with the Loomis Library Board, and I have a background in Cyber Security / Free speech protection.

What segment(s) of the Loomis community do you feel you represent? (possible examples: retiree, parent of young children, small business owner, etc.)

Parent of young children, law enforcement.

Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a Board, Commission or Committee? If yes, what position? If no, do you have previous experience on a Board or Commission?

Current chair of Loomis Library Board.

Please add any other information you would like to share.

Signature

NICHOLAS G. PHRIPPIDIS

Date

12/2/2024





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Name Wendy Rose

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Phone 916-502-6395

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Yes No

Is this a re-appointment?

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Why are you interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees?

I've lived in Loomis for 26 years, and much of that time was spent raising my daughter. But now that she's grown and flown, I'd like to contribute to the community positively. Given my background and passion for reading, I think being on the library board would be a good way to do that.

How often do you use the Loomis Library & Community Learning Center? What other libraries are you familiar with?

I probably go to a library once a month - Loomis, Rocklin, or Sac County. I also use electronic services from Hoopla, Libby, Amazon, etc.



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Please share your opinion on the importance of libraries.

When I was a girl, one of my favorite things to do was spend time at the library. I loved browsing the stacks and I usually checked out the maximum number of books allowed. As an adult, I still love spending time in the library and having free access to so many ideas, collections of information, and interesting programs. I have my own personal library at home as well.

What challenges do you think our library faces?

I think funding is likely an ongoing issue and how to spend the money that you do get so you can provide a good catalog and effective programs. Personally, I see the rise of AI in my professional work and I wonder whether that is going to be a thing that affects libraries too.

Please describe any experience or expertise you have that you feel would be beneficial to the Board of Trustees.

I am a professional content writer for high-tech companies. I hold a B.A. in Communications from Chico State and have completed graduate-level business coursework at Sacramento State.

What segment(s) of the Loomis community do you feel you represent? (possible examples: retiree, parent of young children, small business owner, etc.)

I feel I best represent 1) book lovers of all kinds and 2) middle-aged working people who live in a rural environment..

Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a Board, Commission or Committee? If yes, what position? If no, do you have previous experience on a Board or Commission?

I do not currently sit on any boards but when I was a UC Master Food Preserver for Sacramento County, I served as president and head of the board for two terms. I also served as vice president, which was also a voting board member.

Please add any other information you would like to share.

I would love the opportunity to serve on the library board and help maintain the Loomis Library's role as an important resource for our community.

Signature

*Wendy R...*

Date

12/19/24



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Name Jenny Knisley

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Phone 916-719-1132

Email Jenny4Loomis@gmail.com

Yes No

Is this a re-appointment?

☒ ☐

Served on Library Board in 2017-2020

Why are you interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees?

I have always been an advocate for the Loomis Library.  
From 2015 to 2016, I was part of the Save the Loomis Library Town of Loomis Adhoc Committee until Placer County closed its doors.  
In 2016, I helped get a quarter-cent general sales tax passed by the citizens. This tax adequately funded the library and gave Loomis local control over its future.  
Then, from 2017 to 2019, the Friends of the Library ran and managed the library, and as the Friends president, I oversaw budgets and staffing.  
In 2019, I was appointed to the Town of Loomis Library Board, which created policies and procedures and helped the town manage these tax dollars wisely.  
This past year, I was part of the steering committee that helped the UC Master Gardeners of Placer County open the demonstration garden at the library.  
The garden provides a fantastic learning opportunity for all ages.

How often do you use the Loomis Library & Community Learning Center? What other libraries are you familiar with?

I use the Loomis Library several times a month for many reasons. Although I have visited other libraries, I love the Loomis Library the best.





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Please share your opinion on the importance of libraries.

Libraries offer literacy support and programs that promote a lifetime of learning in our community.

What challenges do you think our library faces?

The Loomis Library needs more space and updated technology to serve our community's needs better.

Please describe any experience or expertise you have that you feel would be beneficial to the Board of Trustees.

Please refer to the answer to the first question.

What segment(s) of the Loomis community do you feel you represent? (possible examples: retiree, parent of young children, small business owner, etc.)

I have been a part of Loomis for the past 47 years. I am the Executive Director of the Senior LIFE Center, representing Seniors in our Community. I raised three children who attended Loomis Union Schools and Del Oro High School. I am also a grandparent of five grandkids. I am part of the Loomis Chamber of Commerce and Historical Society and a small business owner in Placer County.

Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a Board, Commission or Committee? If yes, what position? If no, do you have previous experience on a Board or Commission?

I currently sit on the Town of Loomis Council until December 10th and serve on many commissions and committees. I started 15 years ago when I served on the Town of Loomis Parks and Open Space Commission.

Please add any other information you would like to share.

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer R. Knoley", is written over a dark, rectangular background.

Date

11/23/24

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Name: Joanne Ligamari

Address: [REDACTED] Loomis, CA 95650

Is this a re-appointment? NO

Why are you interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees?

Libraries have always been a significant, important part of my life. I lied to get my first library card! (I was seven at the time!) When I travel, I often make visiting the local libraries a valuable aspect of my travel itineraries. To me, libraries are intrinsic to communities They serve by providing a crucial resource. For example, they play an important role in English language learning and educational opportunities. Furthermore, libraries create a safe space for members to meet and exchange ideas and skills. Libraries bring people together to appreciate literature and related media. Libraries can offer free educational resources to everyone. Lastly, libraries preserve history with collections, memorabilia and speakers. Libraries help connect communities. I can't imagine living without access to a reliable library system, and that's a fundamental reason that I want to serve on the Loomis Library Board of Trustees.

How often do you use the Loomis Library & Community Learning Center? What other libraries are you familiar with?

I've been involved with the Loomis Library ever since Placer County announced it would be closing in 2016. I'm proud that I joined the original group of "regular" citizens who knew the importance of a local-town-owned library and worked together to have their dream of a Loomis Library become a reality. The group proposed and succeeded with the passing of Measures F and G to fund the library as a municipal library. When the measures were up for renewal in the past election cycle (Nov. 2024) I walked neighborhoods and wrote hundreds of postcards in support of keeping the original ¼ percent sales tax as a funding source for the Loomis Library.

running or setting up a library. I believe I was very helpful in creating a sturdy foundation for our new library and community center. This same experience was extremely helpful when I served on the Loomis Library Board of Trustees as no other member had true library experience to apply when decisions were discussed or being made to improve the library for our community.

What segment(s) of the Loomis community do you feel you represent? (possible examples: retiree, parent of young children, small business owner, etc.)

I retired after 42 years of teaching, from preschool to college; it's hard to put a finger on the "exact" segment of the community I represent. If you went by years I'd fit the retiree label, but I spent many years teaching reading to elementary students and to mature adults so I'd be remiss if I didn't confess to caring about literacy for new learners and people with life experience. A library has something to offer for all members of the community and I'd support and help anyone who presents an appropriate, suitable, supportable proposal or new idea for our library.

Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a Board, Commission or Committee? If yes, what position? If no, do you have previous experience on a Board or Commission?

None at this time. I have previously served two 3-year terms as a Loomis Library Board member. According to their bylaws after two consecutive terms a member has to step off for a year before reapplying. Come February 2024 I will have been off the Board for the required time and would like to serve again.

Please add any other information you would like to share.

Being retired, I have the time, energy, interest and knowledge to give back to my community. I believe my love and respect for libraries needs to be shared. When I talk about libraries to friends and acquaintances, they are often surprised with my enthusiasm and always come away with a changed attitude towards libraries. People often have no idea how libraries have changed over the years or how many services and resources are available through them. One of the best moments is seeing a person light up when they learn of an item or service that the Loomis Library provides and they can partake of it.

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