

Recommendation to Appoint

To: Knoxville City Council

From: Library Board of Trustees

Date: September 2, 2026

Subject: Election of **Joel Hutchcroft** as Library Board Trustee

Recommendation Statement

Pursuant to the selection process conducted by the Library Board of Trustees, it is respectfully recommended that the **Knoxville City Council** approve the election of **Joel Hutchcroft** to the position of **Library Board Trustee**.

Justification & Qualifications

- **Experience:** Mr Hutchcroft has demonstrated exceptional alignment with the library's strategic goals and community-focused mission.
- **Core Competencies:** Joel is a lifelong resident of Knoxville, and his connection to the Knoxville Public Library is also a personal one. His mother Sally served as a member of the Library Board for nearly 30 years, giving Joel a firsthand appreciation for the importance of the library and the commitment required to serve the community in that capacity. Joel is a board member with the Knox County Historical Sites. Professionally, Joel is the editor of Shooting Times magazine. His work has taken him around the world, providing him with experiences and perspectives that extend well beyond our local community. Joel's lifelong connection to the community, appreciation for history, professional experience, and family legacy of library service would make him a thoughtful and valuable member of the Board. The Board of Trustees recommends Joel Hutchcroft for appointment to the Knoxville Public Library Board. I am confident that he would serve with dedication, integrity, and a genuine commitment to the Knoxville community.