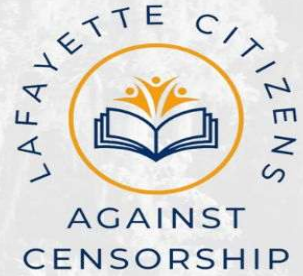


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LCAC Response to KADN Interview with Robert Judge 21 May 2025

We are disappointed and gravely concerned that KADN conducted and then posted this interview with Robert Judge without bothering to ask either Councilman Rubin or any library advocates for a response to his remarks. Many accusations, half-truths, and outright falsehoods were expressed in the interview, and those statements deserve a response.

Statement: “Mr. Rubin came into our board meeting and he got to the podium and he called me a cancer. And then after that, he said, I have been trying to get you removed from the board since day one.”

Fact: Mr. Rubin only arrived near the end of the February meeting because he was initially not in attendance. He decided to attend [after learning that Mr. Judge had made a motion to postpone discussion of the NE Library indefinitely](#). An audio recording of the February meeting reveals that what Mr. Rubin *actually* said was, “[Me personally, I've been trying to get you off of this board for the longest.](#)” (3:02:50)

Statement: “The people that have caused all of the acrimony at the library board meetings are the same people that filed a lawsuit against the parish council when they appointed me”

Fact: None of the people who filed the lawsuit against the Parish Council are currently involved in library advocacy. In fact, [twenty people called the council to oppose Judge's appointment, and dozens more showed up at the hearing to speak against his nomination](#). In addition, [over 600 local residents signed the petition](#) to have Mr. Judge removed in 2023.

Statement: “There was a of community input [regarding the NE library] and they didn't want a leased space. I even thought about getting a lease space and made proposals for that. That was rejected, the board moved forward with purchasing land. So we purchased land instead”

Fact: Three times- in [February 2022](#), [March 2023](#), and [August 2023](#), Robert Judge delayed the Northeast Library by attempting to convince the board to lease a property instead of purchasing outright. [Only when FORCED by the Parish Council](#) to call a special meeting of the library board did he finally comply and vote to purchase land for the new library.

Statement: "...the majority of the board thought that what we did was quite reasonable...and again, it's not to have these materials other than restricted in an area where children aren't likely to stumble upon them, nor should they be able to check them out."

Fact: NO sexually explicit materials have ever been shelved in children's areas at the Lafayette Public Library. Both [Robert Judge and former board member Stephanie Armbruster voted to completely ban books](#) from the Lafayette Public Library. Judge then tried to change library policy to [prevent librarians from having any input on book challenges](#). In February 2023, Judge [projected graphic images from a book \(found in the adult section\) on a large screen](#) at a board meeting open to the public (including children).

Statement: "I don't start descending into ad hominem attacks of you, which I would never do. But treat you in love and dignity as a person, as a child of God. And I have to look at you that way. Because if I don't look at you that way, I'm disparaging Jesus, who I believe is my Savior."

Fact: In 2022, Robert Judge responded to a grieving mother's post on LinkedIn by [suggesting that her son's suicide was not caused by bullying, but by the fact that he was a member of the LGBTQ community](#).

In February, 2022, Judge [had a community member removed](#) from a board meeting for speaking a single word out of turn.

In July, 2022, [Judge attempted to have librarian Cara Chance fired simply for erecting a library book display](#) (which followed library guidelines).

In January, 2023, [Judge had another community member removed by sheriff's deputies](#) from a board meeting for speech he did not like.

In August, 2023, [Judge convinced three other board members to join him in illegally firing the library director](#), only to be forced to [hold a special meeting to allow him to collect his retirement benefits when the former director sued](#).

Robert Judge is not being attacked because he is white, because he is a Christian, or because he is Catholic. Community members by the hundreds oppose his tenure on the LPL Board of Control because [he has waged a campaign against the library since 2018](#), including [banning library cultural displays](#), changing the [mission statement to remove the words "free," "equal," and "diverse,"](#) and disaffiliating LPL [from the only major library professional development organization in the country](#).