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- ① Reading about your closing in July, I became depressed - then angry enough to write to you.
- ② Where are the Feminist leaders who are wealthy enough to be a benefactor and find you a new site with parking facilities + who could pay for a coffee/expresso bar in the store? Why can't you request financial crisis funds from the Anne Heches, the Ellen DeGeneres, the Lily Tomlins of the world?
- ③ I read all your justifications for giving-up, and I don't believe you. I don't think you want to be in the business anymore, or you'd try harder to prevent the loss of Sisterhood Bookstore.
- ④ Where does the H & L. Comm. Service Center get the money to open "The Village", in Hollywood, but they can't help you?
- ⑤ Where are the wealthy in our community + how can they allow this disaster to happen?

- ⑥ Sisterhood Bookstore is not just a bookstore - it's an expression of ~~\$~~ a living community which shouldn't die. It's a central location for people to get information on events, post flyers & announcements; it's the only place on the Westside left for our community.
- ⑦ For Sisterhood to close feels like ripping out a heart in a human body. It represents an "ethnic cleansing" of our people.
- ⑧ I hated the computers + the Internet from the start because I knew they would eventually take over - but now they've touched me personally, and I'm mad. I am poor and can't give you any money - but I would if I could.
- ⑨ This city is being closed down into a police state dominated by the "^{majority} majority". I hate what is happening to life in L.A. They've closed down every place I hold near + dear + now you.
- ⑩ Why Can't the Wealthy In Our Community start a Website for your store?
- ⑪ Why won't you try Kevin Green's idea of a cooperative - have 100 customers buy \$100 shares + raise \$10,000?

- (12) Emily Levine is doing 1 benefit concert @ Tiffany Theatre on May 17? Why not ~~had~~ schedule 20 benefit concerts? Why didn't you tell us before July '99 that July would be closing? Why didn't you tell the Community ^{been} a year ago so we could have raising money for a year?
- (13) Ms. Wallace, they say your optimism to stay in the book business is waning & you're teaching to make a living - you mean, I just can't believe you are a selfish person - only thinking of her own survival - surely, if you felt this way, why didn't you sell the Sisterhood Bookstore to someone else a year ago who had the \$ to keep it going? Why didn't the search for "a benefactor" start long ago? I don't believe someone would not have come forward if they knew what serious condition you were in, out of their dedication to our community - The store is a symbol, an institution, in our community. If it dies, the community dies.
- (14) A creep like Larry Flynt can open Hustler Bookstore on Sunset - & you can't find a benefactor?

The solution must be a group of people should buy the Sisterhood Bookstore, keep its name + the tradition it stands for.

I am overcome by grief at this.

Why wasn't a group formed to buy before it got this bad?

Do you really want to look back in a few years + regret allowing this to happen? And think, "they've won"—the corporations won, the Bible won, money won—"the man" won?

This must not be allowed to happen.

Many people beside myself feel Sisterhood is "our home" or "a home away from home" & "a sanctuary" where we feel free to come + be ourselves.