

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting

March 21, 2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY TO EXPLORE
OPTIONS FOR COLLABORATING WITH THE CITY OF CLEVELAND FOR
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HARVARD-LEE BRANCH**

WHEREAS, The City of Cleveland is preparing to issue a request for proposals for the redevelopment of the former John F. Kennedy High School, which is now vacant and is located next door to the Harvard-Lee branch; and

WHEREAS, The Library and City have been in informal discussions since March 2023 about the Library's plans for the future of the Harvard-Lee branch and the City's plans for both the former high school site and the neighborhood at large, which Mayor Bibb has identified as a priority for the City; and

WHEREAS, The Library requests authority to explore issues relating to a collaboration with the City of Cleveland regarding the redevelopment of the site of the former John F. Kennedy High School and potential options for the future of the Harvard-Lee branch, which could include, without limitation, a joint venture to redevelop both properties or an architectural collaboration to make meaningful improvements to the community through repairs and renovations to the existing branch; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library hereby authorizes the Executive Director, CEO or his designee, the Chief Operations Officer, and the Director of Legal Affairs, to explore the issues and options related to collaborating with the City of Cleveland for improvements to or redevelopment of the Harvard-Lee branch.