

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

September 19, 2023

**RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAVIN AGENCY
FOR ANGELA DAVIS' PARTICIPATION IN LIBRARY PROGRAMMING**

WHEREAS, On August 9, 2023, the Executive Director of the Cleveland Public Library entered into an agreement ("Agreement") with The Lavin Agency to book the author and speaker, Angela Davis, to participate in two programs at the Library, including a panel discussion with invited young adult authors focusing on banned books and freedom of expression as well as a conversation with Karen Weaver about the importance of closing the reading deficit for children; and

WHEREAS, The total base cost of the Agreement is \$25,000 plus reimbursable travel expenses; and

WHEREAS, Due to the inclusion of Ms. Davis' travel expenses in the Agreement, the total cost the \$25,000 contracting authority granted to the Director by the Board of Library Trustees by Resolution adopted on April 18, 1996 and reaffirmed by Resolution adopted on May 16, 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Director hereby requests that the Board of Library Trustees ratify the Agreement entered into with The Lavin Agency and authorize the expenditure by Cleveland Public Library of funds in the amount of \$25,000 plus reimbursable travel expenses toward the Angela Davis visit; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library hereby ratifies the Agreement entered into with The Lavin Agency in the amount of \$25,000 plus reimbursable travel expenses, with said expenditure being charged to the Founders Fund Account 20380103-53710 (Professional Services).