

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

January 15, 2019

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASE WITH SAY YES TO EDUCATION
CLEVELAND**

WHEREAS, In February of 2018, Nadia Del Valle, National Program Director of Say Yes to Education, Inc., made a presentation to the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library, explaining the Say Yes to Education program which is designed to increase post-secondary education completion rates for students by addressing barriers to student success while they attend public schools, and providing financial support for secondary education; and

WHEREAS, As a result of a series of meetings with community stakeholders and representatives of Say Yes to Education, Inc., on October 18, 2018, the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library authorized the Executive Director of Cleveland Public Library (the Library) to enter into a Governance Agreement with Say Yes to Education Cleveland, Inc. ("SAY YES") and community partners, under which the Library would provide support services to the SAY YES initiative designed to provide scholarships and educational wraparound services to public post-secondary schools in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, SAY YES has been in the process of completing its fundraising for the launch of the chapter here in Cleveland and has been looking for office space for its administrative staff; and

WHEREAS, In November of 2018, Executive Director Thomas invited SAY YES to consider locating its Cleveland chapter office on the second floor of the Library's Louis Stokes Wing, with the goal of co-locating SAY YES with the Library's childhood literacy and education programming staff inside the Library's Learning Commons; and

WHEREAS, After touring the Louis Stokes Wing, SAY YES has indicated its desire to lease the space known as Conference Room A, located in the NW corner of the Louis Stokes Wing's second floor. The space is 696 square feet in size, and SAY YES would like to build out the space to accommodate its administrative needs at its own expense; and

WHEREAS, The Library would like to lease this space to SAY YES for a term to be determined, for One Dollar (\$1.00) per year, plus the cost of technology support. SAY YES is a nonprofit 501c (3) organization with a mission of promoting the health, safety and educational welfare of Cleveland's families and its children. The Library, by providing space to SAY YES for One Dollar (\$1.00) per year, would be contributing to the public purpose that SAY YES serves; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director, CEO or his designee, is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a lease with Say Yes to Education Cleveland, Inc., for space on the second floor of the Louis Stokes Wing known as Conference Room "A", comprised of 696 square feet, for a period of time to be negotiated, for the rental amount of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year, plus technology expenses in an amount to be negotiated, wherein Say Yes to Education Cleveland, Inc. will be permitted to build out the space to accommodate its administrative needs at its own expense. All other terms and conditions of the lease remain to be negotiated by Say Yes Education Cleveland, Inc. and the Executive Director, CEO or his designee, which lease shall be subject to approval of the Chief Legal Officer.