

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting

January 15, 2015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A VENUE AGREEMENT WITH THE 2016 HOST COMMITTEE INC. FOR THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

WHEREAS, The 2016 Host Committee for the Republican National Convention has requested that the Cleveland Public Library make available some of its downtown facilities as a venue for various events to be held during the Republican National Convention, which will take place during a four (4) day period in either June or July of 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement requires that the Library reserve and set aside designated facilities for groups of various officials, delegates and guests of the convention, and that no other use of those designated Library facilities may occur during this time period without the approval of the Host Committee and the RNC; and

WHEREAS, The Meeting Room Policy adopted by this Board on October 18, 2012 specifies that meeting rooms shall not be used for “*political demonstrations, rallies, or campaigns for specific partisan political issues or candidates*”; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary, therefore, that this Board approve the use of designated Library facilities for the RNC as an exception to the meeting room policy prohibition on political activity on Library property; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees authorizes the Executive Director CEO or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the 2016 Host Committee, Inc. for the use of designated downtown Library facilities during the 2016 Republican National Convention, and further authorizes a one-time exception to the meeting room policy prohibition on using Library property for political demonstrations, rallies, or campaigns for specific partisan political issues or candidates in order to accommodate use by various officials, delegates and guests of the convention. The Agreement shall be subject to the review and approval of the Chief Legal Officer.