

Appendix H

Summary of Responses from
Cuyahoga County Public Library
to Shaker Library's May 2016
Questions

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In May 2016, Shaker Library contacted Cuyahoga County Public Library (CCPL) about its intention to conduct an analysis of the possibility of CCPL providing library services to the residents of the Shaker Heights Public Library district.

This contact occurred through a ten-page memo to CCPL's Board Chair, Ed Blakemore, that was "...intended as both a request for assistance from the Cuyahoga County Public Library to help Shaker Library conduct this analysis, and as the first sketch of the questions such an analysis might attempt to answer." At Mr. Blakemore's request, this memo was distilled to a one-page list of Shaker Library's most pressing initial questions. (Both of these documents are attached.)

On July 2, 2016, Mr. Blakemore, and CCPL Executive Director Sari Feldman presented information to Shaker Heights Mayor Earl Leiken's Mayor's Financial Task Force. Shaker Library Board Chair Chad Anderson spoke with Mr. Blakemore subsequent to the Mayor's Financial Task Force meeting.

The information below summarizes Shaker Library's understanding of the responses from CCPL to its request for assistance and its initial questions.

ASSISTING SHAKER LIBRARY IN ITS ANALYSIS

CCPL declined Shaker Library's request that it collaborate on the analysis it is conducting of the possibility of incorporating the Shaker Heights Library District into the CCPL's district. They do not want to have CCPL staff meet with Shaker Library staff to discuss the issues involved. CCPL has offered, however, to consider to specific questions posed by Shaker Library. CCPL also stated that they will engage in full due diligence should they received a request from the Shaker Heights Public Library Board that the Shaker Heights Library be included in CCPL.

FACILITIES

Cuyahoga County Public Library representatives would not make a commitment regarding library facilities in Shaker Heights, should the Shaker Heights Library District be incorporated into its district.

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

CCPL is not considering joining CLEVNET. They feel that they have the capacity and track record of serving an educated community like Shaker Heights.

TAXES

CCPL would not make a commitment about its intentions toward future tax increases, should Shaker Heights be incorporated into its district. CCPL's representatives would not comment on how long its real estate property tax millage might stay at its current level.

THIRD-PARTY APPROVALS

CCPL's representatives stated that they would not require any approvals or actions by third parties as conditions precedent for Shaker Library to be incorporated into CCPL and that it was their belief that such conditions precedent would not be allowable as part of an inclusion agreement with Shaker Heights Public Library.