

Amendment 4 to Amendment 15 Council Bill No. 21-2023

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Amendment No. 4

(This Amendment changes the conditions for L0020, New HCLS Central Branch & Relocation.)

1 On page 2, strike lines 6 through 16 in their entirety. Renumber the section accordingly.

2 On page 2, line 19, after “garage”, strike the period and insert:

3 “:

4 3. the County recommends project contracts will be awarded to minority business
5 enterprises consistent with the Tax Increment Financing Memorandum of
6 Understanding and creates a system of reporting the percentage to the County
7 Council;

8 4. the Administration, in consultation with the Howard County Library System,
9 undertakes a public engagement process open to all County residents and
10 stakeholders during which all participants are able to offer their opinions,
11 suggestions, recommendations and priorities regarding the project including its
12 uses, design and other considerations through a full range of methods including in
13 person and hybrid community meetings;

14 5. the Administration undertakes a competitive bidding process for the site and
15 building design (including architecture and engineering), and construction of the
16 project in consultation with relevant stakeholders consistent with standard
17 procedures for other County capital projects;

18 6. the County Council will be provided a summary of all design and build proposals
19 and the basis for the final award;

20 7. the Administration provides to the County Council a report documenting its
21 consideration and analysis of additional uses in the proposed project including (by
22 example only) the combination of capital project C0364-FY2021 New Cultural

1 Center and the relocation of Arts Council functions including its operation of
2 maker and artist spaces, which additional uses will be included in the project scope
3 used in the design and build bid process; and

4 8. the Administration agrees to meet with the County Council no later than January
5 31, 2024 to provide an update on the project.

6 **Section 13. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland
7 that the release of funds from Contingency as provided by Amendment 15 to this Act is
8 additionally conditioned upon the fulfillment of the following obligation for capital project
9 L0020, New 5 HCLS Central Branch & Relocation: the Administration explores options for
10 the Community Developer to fund their tenant spaces, and explores how the Community
11 Developer could fulfill their obligations to their tenants without using parking developed for
12 the new HCLS Central Branch. In addition, the Administration will provide to the County
13 Council a report documenting its consideration and analysis of alternative financing and/or
14 ownership including (by example only) private or quasi-public funding and/or ownership of
15 the components of the project such as the parking garage including revenue-backed bonds
16 for all or a portion of the parking garage.”.

17 On page 2, line 21, strike “**Section 13**” and substitute “**Section 14**”.