

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF
THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, INDIANA, TO ISSUE ONE OR MORE
SERIES OF PROPOSED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR ENTER INTO A
PROPOSED LEASE OR LEASES OF FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE PUBLIC
LIBRARY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED 2022 COUNTY-WIDE
LIBRARY FACILITIES TRANSFORMATION PROJECT**

Owners of real property, and registered voters residing, in the Allen County Public Library, Indiana (the “Public Library”), hereby are given notice that the Library Board of the Public Library (the “Board”) preliminarily has determined, at its meeting held on April 28, 2022, that (I) a need exists for certain renovation, expansion and equipping projects at one or more of the existing library facilities operated by the Public Library, construction and equipping projects of one or more new library facilities to be operated by the Public Library and will either replace one or more existing library facilities or provide for one or more additional library facilities, acquisition of certain land and site improvements related to any of the foregoing projects, as described in the resolution adopted by the Board on such date (such projects, collectively, the “2022 County-Wide Library Facilities Transformation Project”); and (II) to the extent permitted by law to take all of the necessary steps to finance all or a portion of the costs of all, or as much as is possible based on the facts and circumstances at the time, but only as needed based on extensive analysis and review by the Public Library’s staff of each identified facility, of the 2022 County-Wide Library Facilities Transformation Project by (a) providing money of the Public Library that is either currently on deposit or anticipated to be on deposit when needed in an amount of at least Twenty-Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$26,500,000), and (b) issuing one or more series of proposed general obligation bonds (the “General Obligation Bonds”) and/or entering into a proposed lease or leases or amendment or amendments to one or more existing leases (collectively, the “Leases”) between one or more local nonprofit building corporations, as lessor (collectively, the “Building Corporation”), and the Public Library, as lessee, relating to all or any portion of the library facilities operated by the Public Library. The Building Corporation, as lessor, will issue one or more series of first mortgage bonds secured by and payable from the lease payments under the Leases (the “First Mortgage Bonds”). The total maximum original aggregate principal amount of the General Obligation Bonds and the First Mortgage Bonds (collectively, the “Bonds”) will not exceed \$98,500,000, or such greater amount in the case of the issuance of any first mortgage bonds all or a portion of which will be used to refund all or any portion of the First Mortgage Bonds.

The maximum term for each series of the Bonds will not exceed twenty (20) years, and each of the Leases with respect to each facility subject to a Lease or Leases at the time of the issuance of each series of the First Mortgage Bonds will have a maximum term not to exceed twenty-two (22) years, beginning on the date each such Lease or addendum thereto is recorded by the Public Library in connection with the 2022 County-Wide Library Facilities Transformation Project. Based on the estimated interest rates that will be paid in connection with the Bonds not anticipated to exceed seven percent (7.00%) per annum, the total interest cost associated therewith is \$87,774,000 (which amount is net of any funds received by the Public Library or the Building Corporation from the United States of America as a result of any or all of the Bonds being issued under one or more federal tax credit programs), not taking into account any funds of the Public Library or the Building Corporation being available for capitalized interest. The maximum annual principal and interest to be paid on the Bonds plus the maximum

annual lease rental to be paid by the Public Library under the Leases is \$8,103,000 (which amount is net of any funds received by the Public Library or the Building Corporation from the United States of America as a result of any or all of the Bonds being issued under one or more federal tax credit programs), and the maximum total principal and interest to be paid on the Bonds plus the maximum total lease rental to be paid by the Public Library over the term of the Leases is \$186,274,000 (which amount is net of any funds received by the Public Library or the Building Corporation from the United States of America as a result of any or all of the Bonds being issued under one or more federal tax credit programs), not taking into account any funds of the Public Library or the Building Corporation available for capitalized interest. The Public Library's certified total debt service fund tax levy for 2021 pay 2022 (which is the most recent certified tax levy) is \$0.00, and the Public Library's certified total debt service fund tax rate for 2021 pay 2022 (which is the most recent certified tax rate) is \$0.0000 per \$100 of assessed value. The estimated total maximum debt service fund tax levy for the Public Library and the estimated total maximum debt service fund tax rate for the Public Library after the issuance of the Bonds are anticipated to occur no earlier than 2023 pay 2024 and will be \$8,103,000 and \$0.0402 per \$100 of assessed value, and are anticipated to continue at or below these levels through at least 2031 pay 2032. The percent of the Public Library's current annual debt service/lease payments and projected maximum annual debt service/lease payments after the issuance of the Bonds compared to the net assessed value of taxable property within the Public Library is approximately forty-two thousandths of one percent (0.042%). The percent of the Public Library's outstanding long-term debt, together with the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any of the territory of the Public Library, compared to the net assessed value of taxable property within the Public Library is approximately four and eight thousandths of one percent (4.008%).

Petitions requesting the application of the local public question process to the Bonds and/or the Leases related to the 2022 County-Wide Library Facilities Transformation Project may be filed with the Allen County Voter Registration Office within thirty days after the date of the publication of this notice in the manner provided by Indiana Code §6-1.1-20-3.5, as amended. If a sufficient petition requesting the application of the local public question process to the Bonds and/or the Leases related to the 2022 County-Wide Library Facilities Transformation Project has been filed as set forth in Indiana Code §6-1.1-20-3.5, as amended, the Bonds and/or the Leases related to the 2022 County-Wide Library Facilities Transformation Project must be approved in an election on a local public question held under Indiana Code §6-1.1-20-3.6, as amended. In the event that a sufficient petition requesting the application of the local public question process to the Bonds and/or the Leases related to the 2022 County-Wide Library Facilities Transformation Project has been filed as set forth in Indiana Code §6-1.1-20-3.5, as amended, the question currently recommended by the Board to be submitted to the registered voters at the election conducted under Indiana Code §6-1.1-20-3.6, as amended, is as follows: "Shall the Allen County Public Library increase property taxes paid to the public library by homeowners and businesses? If this public question is approved by the voters, the average property tax paid to the public library per year on a residence would increase by ___% (to be completed based on the certification of information from the Allen County Auditor) and the average property tax paid to the public library per year on a business property would increase by ___% (to be completed based on the certification of information from the Allen County Auditor). The political subdivision may issue bonds or enter into a lease to finance a portion of the 2022 County-Wide Library Facilities Transformation Project which includes renovation, expansion

and equipping work at between 10 and 11 existing buildings and construction and equipping of between 4 and 5 buildings and which is estimated to cost not more than \$98,500,000 (not including funds contributed by the public library) over twenty (20) years for each series of bonds or each lease addendum. The most recent property tax referendum with the boundaries of the political subdivision for which this public question is being considered was proposed by Fort Wayne Community Schools in 2020 and passed.”

Dated: May 3, 2022.

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY,
INDIANA

By: Susan Baier, Executive Director

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PEOPLE REQUESTING IT ALONG WITH THE ALLEN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CLERK]**