

TO: Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Center of the City

**DATE:** January 6, 2025

I wish to inform you that I have been talking with the Ann Arbor District Library (AADL) regarding the potential development of the Center of the City. They are interested in discussing with me the conditions that would need to be present for the City to consider pursuing a transaction on that site. While I wouldn't normally send a communication like this regarding an unframed transaction, given the dynamics surrounding that site prior to my arrival it is appropriate for City Council to be fully aware of two things. One being the AADL potential interest, and two being my position that my team wants to run this interest to ground to identify what a transaction could look like.

The one thing I can say with certainty is that the AADL interest is in earnest. The appropriate professional response is for the administration to engage in serious discussions to see if something practical and positive could come to the site.