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**CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM-CLEVELAND, Ohio** - The Cleveland Cavaliers have withdrawn from their commitment to help fund a \$140 million Quicken Loans Arena renovation project, removing the issue as a political football as Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson faces eight challengers in his bid for reelection this year and the Ohio Supreme Court recently ruled that the city must accept some 20,000 petition signatures collected by the Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus, SEIU, and the Greater Cleveland Congregations to put the initiative before voters.

In essence, the controversial Q-Deal is all but dead for now with the Cavs having pulled out of the initiative, their funding portion of the project also at issue.

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A team spokesman said Monday that the referendum issues, with mayoral candidates Jeff Johnson and Zack Reed and others pushing the city to put the issues on the ballot for the Nov 7 general election, would cause the groundbreaking of the Q transformation to miss the current construction cycle, thereby raising construction costs.

The Q-Deal was vehemently pushed by Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish, City Council President Kelley, and Mayor Jackson, the city's three-term Black mayor.

Budish, Jackson and Kelley say the deal will bring in jobs and monies to the city, and the region, and will keep the premiere basketball franchise on equal footing with competitors.

Opponents say it is an elitist agenda and that the tax dollars could be put to better use, including the revitalization of Cleveland's debilitating inner city.

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Cleveland City Council set aside funding for the project April before a crowded room with protesters on h

Cuyahoga County is 29 percent Black and includes the city of Cleveland.

Nearly a third of the 17 member Cleveland City Council, including mayoral candidates Jeff Johnson and

Johnson, Reed and Polensek publicly trashed the deal.

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