

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI

RESOLUTION 2025-42

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, THE MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND AND THE STRATEGIC SITE READINESS PROGRAM TO CANCEL, REVOKE AND/OR CLAW BACK IMMEDIATELY THE ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR GRANT THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MEDC HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2024

WHEREAS, on **November 5, 2024** the University of Michigan Board of Regents hereinafter referred to as U of M purchased 19.82 acres of vacant property located at the corner of Bridge and Textile Roads specifically 10221 Textile Road for the sale price of **\$1,500,000**, and:

WHEREAS, subsequent to the **November 5, 2024** purchase of 10221 Textile Road U of M filed with the **Michigan Economic Development Corporation** (hereinafter referred to as the MEDC) a Memorandum dated **December 10, 2024** addressed to the “**Michigan Strategic Fund Board**” requesting “...\$100,000,000 from the **Strategic Site Readiness Program (SSRP) related to site development, construction, and other related Eligible Activities under the SSRP necessary to construct a new advanced computing facility in Ypsilanti [Township] Michigan (The Project)**, and;

WHEREAS, the Project consists of “...*at least two state-of-the-art advanced computing facilities...One of which will be utilized primarily by the University and the other is intended to be used by Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) for advanced research*” (hereinafter referred to as data centers); and

WHEREAS according to the Memorandum submitted by U of M the total cost of the Project “...*is expected to exceed 1.2 Billion and the Project is expected to become fully operational by 2030;*” and

WHEREAS the Memorandum prepared and submitted solely by U of M without any knowledge and/or input from the Charter Township of Ypsilanti’s Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as Township Board) emphatically stated that the two data centers “...*will be located on a twenty acre property in Ypsilanti Township*” to wit: the property that is located on 10221 Textile Road that was acquired on **November 5, 2024**; and

WHEREAS the Memorandum prepared and submitted by U of M and represented to the MEDC and MSF specifically stated that “...**DTE anticipates constructing a new electrical substation near the site, also in Ypsilanti Township with two-thirds of the substation’s capacity supporting the Project and the remaining one-third capacity for community benefit. The cost for constructing this electrical infrastructure is included in the total cost for the Project;**” and

WHEREAS the Memorandum prepared and submitted by U of M stated that the “...***Project is expected to create highly skilled federal research lab positions and provide a significant attraction opportunity for out-of-state companies that are interested in partnering with LANL or the University...***” and furthermore stated that LANL was partnering with U of M as the result the State of Michigan’s one hundred million dollars in support of construction of LANL’s National Lab Buildings; and

WHEREAS the Memorandum prepared and submitted by U of M required U of M to meet a number of “***Key Statutory Criteria***” pursuant to Section 88(t) of the MSF Act and when asked to “***Explain the degree to which the Project is a priority for the local government or economic development corporation***” simply stated “***Ann Arbor SPARK has expressed their support for this project;***” and

WHEREAS U of M deliberately and blatantly failed to acknowledge to the MEDC Board and the MSF Board that U of M had never discussed seeking a one hundred million dollar grant with the Township Board’s elected officials much less had received any support from the Township Board in regards to this one hundred million dollar grant to build these two data centers on the twenty acre parcel located at Bridge/Textile Roads; and

WHEREAS subsequent to the approval of the MEDC and the MSF Boards to award the one hundred million dollar grant in accordance with requirements of the SSRP back on **December 10, 2024**, U of M was then authorized by the Board of Regents to acquire **an additional 124.68 acres of vacant land located at 10455 and 10635 Textile Road** which is separated only from the twenty acre parcel acquired on **November 5, 2024** by the Township's access road which is the only entrance into Ypsilanti Township's South Hydro Park, a nature preserve apprising approximately seventeen acres; and

WHEREAS this planned acquisition of the additional 124.68 acres by U of M was never disclosed to the MEDC and MSF Boards during the **December 10, 2024** meeting and in and of itself constitutes a "**material misrepresentation**" as defined in the SSRP Grant Summary of Terms which should result in the immediate cancellation of the one hundred million dollar grant previously awarded to U of M; and

WHEREAS U of M continues to be recognized as being one of the **wealthiest universities** in the United States with an endowment fund that is close to **twenty billion dollars** which makes U of M the third largest endowment fund in the United States among public universities; and

WHEREAS it is unconscionable for the MEDC and the MSF Boards to award one hundred million dollars to one of the wealthiest universities in the United States which is yet another example of corporate welfare

subsidy to a tax exempt body which comes at the expense of the taxpayers of this state and especially Ypsilanti Township as exemplified by U of M's refusal to pay one dime towards police and fire services for these two data centers; and

WHEREAS the award of one hundred million dollars to U of M comes at a time when hundreds of thousands of Michigan residents are losing their Medicaid Benefits and other Nutritional Benefits as the result of a number of federal budgetary cuts that are having a negative and profound impact upon the daily lives of Michigan residents; and

WHEREAS it is shameful that one of the wealthiest universities in the United States would even have the audacity to seek a one hundred million dollar grant from the MEDC and MSF Boards especially given their material misrepresentations as set forth in their own Memorandum dated **December 10, 2024** resulting in a classic textbook example of what constitutes a "**Bait and Switch**;" and

WHEREAS subsequent to receiving the one hundred million dollar award from the MEDC and MSF Boards U of M has continued to operate in a "**Shroud of Secrecy**" and has steadfastly refused to allow the Township's duly elected Officials and their retained professional consultants to participate in any meetings as it pertains to the two data centers in spite of the fact that the Township has requested U of M as well as the State of Michigan to locate these data centers on the former

General Motors Hydramatic property in which the State of Michigan has already invested over one hundred million dollars as part of the State's redevelopment of this former General Motors property; and

WHEREAS U of M has carefully orchestrated and prevented to the fullest extent possible any efforts of the Township Officials to participate in any meaningful discussions and/or dialogue as it pertains to these proposed data centers by purportedly entering into “**Non-Disclosure Agreements**” which serves only the interest of U of M and LANL at the expense of the public; and

WHEREAS U of M continues to refuse the Township Board's legitimate request for a “**seat at the table**” given that the Township is the Host Community and furthermore continues to refuse to hold a public hearing in Ypsilanti Township so as to allow the public an opportunity to ask meaningful questions regarding these proposed data centers and the impact it will have upon the environment, the electrical grid and many other salient issues; and

WHEREAS U of M's refusal to hold a public hearing in Ypsilanti Township elevates the phrase “**lack of transparency**” to a whole different level and as such the Township Board has no choice but to request of the MEDC and MSF Boards to cancel the one hundred million dollar grant that was previously awarded to U of M as the result of a number of material

misrepresentations that were made by U of M as set forth in this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees hereby unanimously requests that the one hundred million dollar grant that was previously awarded by the MEDC and MSF Boards pursuant to the Strategic Site Readiness Program Grant be cancelled, revoked and/or claw backed immediately as the result of numerous material misrepresentations made by U of M to the MEDC, MSF, and the SSRP during the ***December 10, 2024*** meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk's Office to the members of the MEDC Board, the MSF Board and the SSRP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution also be forwarded by the Township Clerk's Office to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, US Senators Gary Peters and Elissa Slotkin, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, State Senator Jeff Irwin, State Representative Jimmie Wilson Jr., and the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution 2025-42 is hereby adopted.

I, Debra A Swanson, Clerk of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan hereby certify the above resolution is a true and exact copy of Resolution 2025-42 approved by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, Board of Trustees assembled at the Regular Meeting held on December 2, 2025.



Debra A. Swanson
Charter Township of Ypsilanti