

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI

RESOLUTION 2026-05

A RESOLUTION DECLARING STRONG AND UNEQUIVOCAL OPPOSITION TO THE PLANS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY TO SITE A LOS ALAMOS NUCLEAR RESEARCH FACILITY ANYWHERE IN YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP GIVEN THAT SUCH A FACILITY IS CLASSIFIED AS A “TIER I HIGH VALUE TARGET RISK” WHICH IN, AND OF ITSELF, CONSTITUTES A REAL THREAT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND FURTHERMORE THIS PROPOSED LOS ALAMOS FACILITY IN YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP IS A BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND FURTHERMORE IS INDICATIVE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM THAT CONTINUES TO INFLUENCE AND CONTROL THE DECISION MAKERS OF U OF M AND LOS ALAMOS REGARDING THE APPROPRIATE LOCATION TO SITE THIS “TIER I HIGH VALUE TARGET RISK”

WHEREAS, one of the primary duties and responsibilities of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as “Township Board”) is to protect the lives, public health, safety and future well-being of all Township residents and not to take any action that would expose Township residents to national security risks that are avoidable and,

WHEREAS, the University of Michigan (“U of M”) as well as Los Alamos National Laboratory (“Los Alamos”) have selected Ypsilanti Township without any input from the Township Board’s elected leadership or Township residents as the future location(s) to construct two data centers, one of which will be owned and operated by Los Alamos whose primary mission is to engage in advanced nuclear weapons research including but not limited to plutonium pit research which is the trigger for nuclear missiles and has also publicly stated that another primary mission of Los Alamos is to continue with the “**computational nuclear weapons modeling research**” to advance military technology in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to U of M’s Vice President for Government Relations Chris Kolb, the Los Alamos data center will consist of the “**biggest, baddest and fastest computers in the world**” which U of M and Los Alamos initially proposed for the 144 acres located on the Bridge Road/Textile Road corridor which property has now been purchased by U of M with the assistance of the State of Michigan by virtue of a one hundred million dollar corporate welfare check and is now under their exclusive control; and

WHEREAS, U of M and Los Alamos have also claimed without any validated proof to the Township Board that they are also considering an alternative location located on the former 307 acres previously owned by

General Motors of which 150 acres is currently being leased from the State by the American Center for Mobility; and

WHEREAS, both of these aforementioned locations are universally recognized as constituting a “**Tier I High Value Target Risk**” as well as strategic targets for foreign adversaries, terrorist organizations and other “**home grown**” hostile actors; and

WHEREAS, the proposed siting of the Los Alamos Nuclear Research Facility anywhere in Ypsilanti Township would introduce a use associated with nuclear weapons computational modeling for plutonium pits, advance research regarding national defense and other highly classified and highly sensitive operations that would immediately and deliberately transform Ypsilanti Township from being a civilian community into a potential target zone thereby constituting a **Clear and Present Danger** to the Township; and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti Township is not a protected federal defense development such as Los Alamos in New Mexico that is protected by canyons, buildings that submerge into the ground and are patrolled by armed security agents of the Federal government but, instead, consists of a community of families, seniors, working residents, schools, businesses, light manufacturing and, as such, the introduction of a Tier I High Value Target being placed in Ypsilanti Township by U of M and Los Alamos

would place thousands of residents within immediate harm, including catastrophic consequences in the event of an attack; and

WHEREAS, neither the Township’s Fire Department nor the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Office who provides police services to Ypsilanti Township are structured, staffed and/or funded to respond to incidents involving a “**Tier I High Value Target**” as presented by Los Alamos in that the proposed facility by Los Alamos would inevitably attract persistent attacks including but not limited to “**drone based strikes, cyber-attacks, infrastructure sabotage**” that would also pose significant risk to the Township’s local infrastructure including, but not limited to, the YCUA Wastewater Treatment Plant, the YCUA storage tanks located on Bridge Road, the Hydro Electric Dam, the Willow Run Airport, the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, the local roads and electrical grid, and other utilities such as the Nexus Gas Pipeline which traverses across the Township, all of which would become secondary targets greatly magnifying the threat across Ypsilanti Township; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a Los Alamos Tier I High Value Target Risk also threatens to depress property values and stigmatize Ypsilanti Township as a “**High Risk Zone**,” and

WHEREAS, the labeling of the Township as a “**High Risk Zone**” would be permanent thereby irreparably harming future generations who wish to live, raise their families and work in Ypsilanti Township; and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti Township is a diverse community including historically marginalized populations who have disproportionately borne environmental and land use burdens; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Justice Principles require that no community particularly minority or low-income populations should bear disproportionate adverse environmental health or security risk; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 12898 of **February 11, 1994**, mandates the identification and mitigation of disproportionately high and adverse impacts on such populations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed siting of a Los Alamos nuclear weaponry research and state-of-the-art computational modeling facility in Ypsilanti Township presents an unprecedented risk throughout the Township and especially in locations which include historically marginalized populations; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a legal obligation to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its residents and to prevent land uses by U of M and Los Alamos that will result in both disproportionate and unreasonable burdens in contravention of the principles of Environmental Justice as well as Environmental Racism.

NOW THEREFORE the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees makes the following “**Findings of Fact:**”

1. High-Value Target Designation

The Township finds that the proposed Los Alamos Nuclear Research Facility with its primary mission to pursue the research for production of plutonium pits needed to activate nuclear missiles and other computational nuclear weapons research is a site of strategic importance where an attack by foreign adversaries, domestic extremists and other hostile actors would be imminent and would result in both a significant symbolic as well as an economic impact upon the residents of Ypsilanti Township.

2. Asymmetric Threat Environment

The Township finds that the threats to the Los Alamos Nuclear Research Facility proposed for Ypsilanti Township would include unmanned aerial systems (drones), cyber security attacks, sabotage upon the Township's established infrastructure with significantly high impact consequences, and that these threats disproportionately endanger civilian populations located near the High Value Targets.

3. Drone and Remote Attack Vulnerability

The Township finds that as we are currently witnessing in real time in the war in the Mideast the Los Alamos Nuclear Research Facility, which is the "**brains**" for the Los Alamos facility located in

New Mexico, that the Township's critical infrastructure as well as this Nuclear Research Facility will be increasingly targeted by drone-based surveillance and attacks.

4. Threat to the Public Health, Safety and Welfare

The Township finds that the proposed Los Alamos Nuclear Research Facility by definition will constitute a public nuisance in that it will have an irreparable impact upon the public health, safety, welfare and security of Township residents, businesses, and will have a negative impact upon the property values of the Township thereby constituting an unreasonable interference to the community's well-being and will also have a negative impact upon the use and enjoyment of property. The proximity of the Los Alamos Nuclear Research Facility will also result in decreased residential desirability, which will disproportionately harm homeowners who live within the surrounding area of Los Alamos.

5. Lack of Transparency and Community Engagement

The Township finds that U of M, Los Alamos, and the State of Michigan have not been transparent with the Township Board in any way, shape or form regarding the plans to impose a Tier I High Value Target upon the residents of Ypsilanti Township and instead of engaging with the elected leadership of the Township, the State of Michigan through the MEDC actually induced and

encouraged Los Alamos to locate in Ypsilanti Township by awarding Los Alamos and U of M the obscene amount of one hundred million dollars to construct this Tier I High Value Target in Ypsilanti Township.

6. Violations of the Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898.

The Township finds that U of M's plans along with Los Alamos and the State of Michigan to locate a Tier I High Value Target facility in Ypsilanti Township without a complete and thorough Environmental Justice Analysis is in contravention of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and constitutes an arbitrary and capricious siting by the Federal and State governments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Ypsilanti hereby strongly and unequivocally opposes the siting of any Los Alamos Tier I High Value Target Nuclear Research Facility anywhere within the boundaries of Ypsilanti Township including but not limited to the Bridge/Textile Road corridor as well as the ACM property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees formally recognize that the proposed Los Alamos facility is a "**Tier I High Value Target Risk**" which is incompatible with the Township's residential, business, and light industrial uses and that the

Los Alamos Nuclear Research Facility constitutes a “***Clear and Present Danger***” to the Township’s infrastructure as previously identified in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Ypsilanti calls upon the Federal Government, the State of Michigan and all administrative agencies who have oversight and control over the proposed Los Alamos Nuclear Research Facility to cease and desist with the proposed siting of this facility in Ypsilanti Township since the aforementioned parties are in violation of the requirements of Executive Order 12898 which requires Federal Action to address environmental justice in minority populations and low income populations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution 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 and for each person to make known to the Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees whether they support Resolution 2026-05.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution 2026-05 shall supersede Township Resolution 2025-23 as it pertains to the previous request of the Township Board for U of M and Los Alamos to locate these two data centers on the property formerly owned by General Motors which

is now owned by the State of Michigan through the Willow Run Arsenal for Democracy and is currently leased to the American Center for Mobility. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that Resolution 2026-05 is hereby adopted.

I, Debra A. Swanson, Clerk of Charter Township of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, hereby certify the above resolution is a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2026-05 approved by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, Board of Trustees assembled at a Special Meeting held on March 31, 2026.

Debra A. Swanson, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti