

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI

RESOLUTION 2025-23

Opposition to the Building of Two High Performance Computing and Artificial Intelligence Research Centers on Bridge Road and Textile Road by the University of Michigan and Los Alamos National Laboratory

Whereas, the University of Michigan and the Los Alamos National Laboratory have advised the Charter Township of Ypsilanti's Board of Trustees of their plans to build, develop and operate two High Performance Computing and Artificial Intelligence Research Centers in the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, specifically on 139 acres of property located along Bridge Road and Textile Road; and

Whereas, the University of Michigan as the primary leader and project manager of these two proposed High Performance Computing and Artificial Intelligence Research Centers applied for and received a \$100,000,000 grant from the State of Michigan through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Michigan Strategic Fund to facilitate the construction of these two High Performance Computing and Artificial Intelligence Research Centers and as of this date have yet to disclose to the elected officials of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees as to the full scope of the proposed project including but not limited to the size of the two computational centers, location of the proposed DTE substation, and the anticipated environmental impacts that these two centers will have upon the Ecosystem, the Township's Ford Lake Hydroelectric Station, Ford Lake, and the Huron River as well as the removal and destruction of mature trees on the 139 acres of property, as well as the anticipated water and sewage impacts upon YCUA; and

Whereas, the potential harm to the health of area residents, including the impacts listed above coupled with the fact that the State of Michigan has exempted the University of Michigan from having to follow and adhere to all of the Township's zoning ordinances and likewise has exempted the University of Michigan from having to pay property taxes, will create a financial burden to the taxpayers of the Charter Township especially as it pertains to police and fire services thereby creating economic harm to all of the Township's residents and business owners who are required to pay ad valorem property taxes thereby resulting in yet another financial subsidy to the University of Michigan at the expense of Township taxpayers and;

Whereas, the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees is in unanimous agreement that the construction of the proposed two "High Performance Computing and Artificial Intelligence Research Centers" along Bridge and Textile Roads by the University of Michigan and the Los Alamos National Laboratory creates an unsafe and unfair burden upon the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, its taxpayers, residents and business owners, and unanimously objects to the University of Michigan and Los Alamos National Laboratory's plans to construct these two High Performance Computing and Artificial Intelligence Research Centers at the Bridge Road and Textile Road location; and

Whereas, subsequent to the last meeting of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, **July 15, 2025** the Township's Officials became aware for the first time that the University of Michigan and Los Alamos National Laboratory met for eighteen months pursuant to a Non-Disclosure Agreement with representatives of the American Center for Mobility to locate these two High Performance Computing and Artificial Intelligence Research Centers on the former property owned by General Motors Hydramatic which consists of over 300 acres with only a portion of said property currently being leased by the State of Michigan to the American Center for Mobility which negotiations ended in failure in spite of the fact that this was the initial site selection by the University of Michigan and the Los Alamos National Laboratory; and

Whereas, Ypsilanti Township Officials upon learning of the failed negotiations between the University of Michigan, the Los Alamos National Laboratory and the American Center for Mobility vigorously urged the parties to resume their negotiations to locate the two computational centers on the former property owned by General Motors instead of the Bridge Road/Textile Road location which the parties advised Township Officials of their willingness to do; and

Whereas, the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees' objections to the proposed University of Michigan and Los Alamos National Laboratory's plans to construct the two computational centers at the Bridge Road and Textile Road location is also strongly supported by the Honorable Jimmie Wilson Jr. State Representative for the 32nd House District.

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the Charter Township Board of Trustees formally notify the University of Michigan's Board of Regents and the Los Alamos National Laboratory to cease and desist in their efforts to construct these two computational centers at the Bridge Road/Textile Road properties and instead to locate these two computational centers on the former General Motors Hydramatic property which consists of over 300 acres, a portion of which is currently leased to the American Center for Mobility; and

Be It Further Resolved that the University of Michigan and Los Alamos National Laboratory resume their negotiations with the State of Michigan, the Willow Run Arsenal for Democracy, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the Michigan Strategic Fund and the American Center for Mobility to locate these two High Performance Computing and Artificial Intelligence Research Centers on the former property owned by General Motors Hydramatic which consists of over 300 acres, a portion of which is currently leased to the American Center for Mobility; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Charter Township Board of Trustees hereby calls upon all elected officials including Governor Gretchen Whitmer, U.S. 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 to join the Charter Township of Ypsilanti in publicly opposing the building of these two High Performance Computing and Artificial Intelligence Research Centers at the Bridge Road and Textile Road location; and

Be it Further Resolved that the aforementioned elected officials also publicly voice their support for the relocation of these two High Performance Computing and Artificial Intelligence Research Centers to be located on the former property owned by General Motors Hydramatic which is owned by the Willow Run Arsenal for Democracy and consists of over 300 acres, a portion of which is currently leased to the American Center for Mobility; and

Be it Further Resolved that a true copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Clerk's Office to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, U.S. 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.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Resolution No. 2025-23 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 No. 2025-23 approved by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, Board of Trustees, assembled at a Regular Meeting held on August 19, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Swanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Debra A. Swanson, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti