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Re: *Ongoing “FALLOUT” And “PUSHBACK” From County Commissioners As It Pertains To The Request Of The Township Board That They Stand With The Township And Support Resolution 2026-05 Wherein The Township Board Unanimously Opposed The Siting Of Los Alamos National Laboratory Anywhere In The Township For All The Reasons Set Forth In Resolution 2026-05, A Copy Of Which Is Attached Hereto.*

(2) Confirmation That Earlier Today Washtenaw County Commissioner Justin Hodge, Who Represents District 5 Which Includes A Portion Of Ypsilanti Township And Augusta Township, Posted A Two-Page Statement On Facebook, A Copy Of Which Is Attached Hereto, Wherein He Repeats All Of The “Talking Points” Previously Asserted By U Of M Vice President Chris Kolb And, Furthermore, Urges The Township To “Sellout” The Residents By Working “...Collaboratively With The University To Secure Benefits And Investments In Our Residents Rather Than Needlessly Antagonize Them And Receive Nothing At All.”

(3) Confirmation That On Thursday, June 18, 2026, Crain's Magazine Announced That The University Of Michigan And ACM Struck A Deal To Allow U Of M To Conduct Environmental Testing At The Site In Ypsilanti Township Being Considered For The \$1.2 Billion Los Alamos Lab Super Computer Project In Spite Of The Fact That This Data Center Is Intended To Be Used To Support Nuclear Weapons Research, As Well As Computational Research For Plutonium Pits, Which In Turn Will Be Utilized By Los Alamos At Their Manufacturing Plant In New Mexico, Copies Of Articles Confirming The Same Being Attached Hereto.

(4) Confirmation That The Trump Administration Has Ordered The Department Of Justice To Intervene On Behalf Of Developer Elon Musk In The Data Center Pollution Lawsuit Filed By The NAACP Alleging Violation Of The Clean Air Act Which Is Having A Negative Impact Upon The Historically Black Neighborhoods In Memphis, Tennessee, A Copy Of That Article Also Being Attached Hereto.

Dear Board Members:

***"It Is Better To Be Alone Than In Bad Company."
-George Washington***

Subsequent to the Township Board meeting on **June 16, 2026**, which undoubtedly was one of the most well-attended Board meetings we have had over the years, since it also required some residents to actually stand outside in the lobby due to capacity limitations, it is becoming clearer by the day that the Township is not going to receive any support from the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. While the Township is willing to give the WCBOC **"One Last Chance"** to support **Township Resolution 2026-05**, (a copy of which is attached hereto) after reading the two-page statement posted on Facebook by Commissioner Justin Hodge, I do not believe we are going to receive any support at the County level. As such, it is imperative that the Township continue to hold **"Public Meetings"** on this issue and expose those elected officials who are urging the Township to **"Sellout Their Community"** and **"Make A Deal"** with U of M.

That being said, please find attached a copy of the two-page statement posted by Commissioner Hodge wherein he takes issue, on behalf of himself and Commissioner Annie Somerville, as to why they are not willing to support **Township Resolution 2026-05**. Putting aside for the moment that he is 100 percent wrong as to what is going to take place at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, he compounds this misinformation with a plea to the Township to **“...Work Collaboratively With The University To Secure Benefits And Investments In Our Residents Rather Than Needlessly Antagonizing Them [U Of M] And Receive Nothing At All.”** Are you serious? How can you continue to belittle the Township for not selling out its residents and claim to be a representative of the Township at the County Board level, while also finding an excuse to recuse yourself from even voting on the issue due to your employment as a U of M professor? As stated on a number of occasions, the only legal basis in which any elected official can recuse his or herself from voting on an issue is if they either have a **“Financial Gain Or A Financial Detriment.”** Thus, at this point in time, the question arises as to whether or not the recusal of three County Board of Commissioners from taking a position on this Resolution is due to **“Financial Gain.”**

It continues to be incredulous and disingenuous to argue that the Township can pause development of data centers while updating their ordinances when U of M has been given a **“Most-Favored-Nation-Status”** by the Michigan Constitution and is allowed to run roughshod over all of the Township’s Zoning Ordinances and even laugh at the Township Officials who simply requested, early on, that they pay the millage for police and fire. Yet somehow we should be satisfied with their offer to **“Build A Boardwalk”** around the property located along Bridge and Textile Roads to allow people to walk around two data centers conducting research to promote nuclear weaponry.

In addition, I am also attaching the article that was published by the Michigan Daily back on **January 30, 2026**, entitled **“Los Alamos Confirms UMich Data Center To Be Used For Nuclear Weapons Research.”** In that article, Patrick Fitch, the Deputy Laboratory Director of Science, Technology, and Engineering at Los Alamos, when asked if Los Alamos intended to use its portion of the data center to support nuclear weapons research stated unequivocally, **“Yes.”** Deputy Director Fitch went on to state that **“...Because Aspects Of A Nuclear Weapon Is Key To Our Simulation Expertise...We Want This Loop To Include Large Investments In National Security, So That Spins Back Into The Basic Science, And What We Learn Here...Spins Into Nuclear Weapons.”**

In the same article, U of M Vice President Chris Kolb was quoted as saying that Los Alamos has **“...Talked About Four Main Components. One Is To Maintain The Viability Of Our Nuclear Stockpile.”** Deputy Director Fitch also confirmed that the data center would be used for computational research for plutonium pits and that **“...Nuclear Weapons Research Would Be A Key Part Of The Center’s Mission And That One Of The Two Computers That Is Built... Will Be For What Is Called Secret Restricted Data So It Will Be For The Nuclear Weapons Program, Not Exclusively, But It Will Be Able To Do That Work.”** There should be no doubt in anyone’s mind that this Los Alamos Facility will be used to advance the production of plutonium pits in the Los Alamos Plant in New Mexico. I have attached to this letter an article released by Jay Coghlan, the Director of Nuclear Watch New Mexico, confirming that the laboratory in New Mexico has been directed to double the plutonium pit production to at least 60 pits per year, making it more and more a nuclear weapons production site. That technology in which to produce the plutonium pits will occur at the Los Alamos Facility proposed to locate in Ypsilanti Township.

Again, as stated by Director Coghlan, **“Los Alamos County Gets Rich Off Of Weapons Of Mass Destruction While The Rest Of New Mexico Struggles. The Los Alamos Lab Is Banking Its Future On Plutonium Pit Bomb Core Production But Won’t Clean Up Its Own Mess. New Mexicans Don’t Need A New Nuclear Arms Race. What We Really Need Is The New Mexico Environment Department Strongly Protecting Our Irreplaceable Ground Water Resources Against Expanding Nuclear Weapons Production.”** Furthermore, since U of M itself has acknowledged that it would not have access to the Los Alamos Facility, none of us will ever know whether they commence manufacturing plutonium pits at this location given the pushback that is taking place in New Mexico.

Finally, please find enclosed another example of the Trump Administration’s efforts to help the richest man in the world, Elon Musk, from having to be held accountable for the pollution being foisted upon the historically Black neighborhoods in Memphis, Tennessee by ordering the Department of Justice to intervene and support Elon Musk in the data center pollution lawsuit filed by the NAACP in April of this year. It is imperative that the Township continue to **“Fight The Good Fight,”** since help is not on the way.

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If after review of this correspondence and attachments you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,



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