

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TO THE WASHTENAW COUNTY CLERK BALLOT
LANGUAGE FOR AN EIGHT-YEAR MILLAGE OF ONE (1) MILL PER YEAR TO BE
PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 ELECTION BALLOT

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 12, 2017

WHEREAS, the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution and Proposition A have artificially reduced the amount of property taxes which all Michigan local governmental entities, including Washtenaw County, receive to pay for their various programs; and

WHEREAS, two critical areas in Washtenaw County which have been especially affected by this lack of funding are public safety which is overseen by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office ("WCSO") and mental health services which is overseen by the County's Community Mental Health Department and Board; and

WHEREAS, as costs increase to provide services in these two critical areas, the County is faced with either directing more of its general fund to these areas which reduces the funding for other critical County programs for County citizens or, in the public safety area, charging more to those jurisdictions which contract for police services throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, these two major areas often overlap as is the case in the County jail where a number of inmates are also being treated for mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS, treating inmates in the County jail, while important, is a reactive and expensive way to address these individuals' mental health needs; and

WHEREAS, additional funding would permit the WCSO and Community Mental Health to address these issues proactively which would ultimately prove to be much more cost effective; and

WHEREAS, the County is now proposing that an eight-year millage of one (1) mill designed to fund the following purposes: (1) 38% of the amount collected will be used for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention efforts; (2) 38% of the amount collected will be used for public safety efforts to ensure continued operations and greater cooperation with the mental health community; and (3) 24% of the amount collected will be sent to those entities within the County which maintain their own police force (currently Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Milan, Saline, Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township and Northfield Township) at a rate proportionate to their respective 2016 population values, be presented to Washtenaw County voters at the November 7, 2017 general election; and

WHEREAS, voter approval of the proposed eight-year millage would create a dedicated funding stream for the following purposes: (1) 38% of the amount collected would be used for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention efforts; (2) 38% of the amount collected will be used for public safety efforts to ensure continued operations and greater cooperation with the mental

health community; and (3) 24% of the amount collected will be sent to those entities within the County which maintain their own police force (currently Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Milan, Saline, Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township and Northfield Township) at a rate proportionate to their respective 2016 population values; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to pay for the administrative costs of the November 7, 2017 special millage election in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 from the County's General Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners states as follows:

1. There shall be submitted to the electors of the County of Washtenaw at the special election to be held on the seventh (7th) day of November, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. prevailing time, the following proposition:

Washtenaw County Community Mental Health and Public Safety Preservation Millage

For the purposes of using the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Department to improve the treatment of people with mental health needs, provide increased financial support for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention, and for continued law enforcement services provided by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, and for local governments which have their own police force, shall the limitations on the total amount of taxes which may be levied against taxable property within Washtenaw County, Michigan, as provided for by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, be increased up to the amount of \$1.00 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation (1.0 mills) for a period of eight years, beginning with the December 1, 2018 levy and extending through the 2025 levy, which shall raise in the first year an estimated \$15,433,608.00 to be used as follows: 38% shall be allocated to Washtenaw County's Community Mental Health Department for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention, and to meet mental health needs in an appropriate setting, thus reducing the burden on the jail and improving care; 38% shall be allocated to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office to ensure continued operations and increased collaboration with the mental health community; and 24% shall be allocated to jurisdictions in the County which maintain their own police force (currently Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Milan, Saline, Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township and Northfield Township) in proportion to their respective 2016 population values?

YES _____

NO _____

2. The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies to the County Clerk the following question as the appropriate ballot wording for the November 7, 2017 special election for the above-stated proposition:

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YES _____

NO _____

3. The election shall be held in accordance with Chapter XXVII of the general election laws of the State of Michigan.
4. The Washtenaw County Clerk is hereby requested to carry out all appropriate statutory duties as set forth in this Resolution and the general election laws of the State of Michigan so that the question of adoption may be submitted to the voters on November 7, 2017.
5. Each city and township clerk shall give appropriate notice of the submission of the aforesaid proposition as provided by law which notice shall contain the statement of the Washtenaw County Treasurer as to previously voted tax limitation increases affecting property within Washtenaw County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to pay for the administrative costs of the November 7, 2017 special millage election in an amount up to \$130,000 from the County's General Fund.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Brabec	X			LaBarre	X			Smith	X		
Deatrick	X			Martinez-Kratz		X					
Jamnick		X		Morgan	X						
Jefferson		X		Ping		X					

CLERK/REGISTER'S CERTIFICATE - CERTIFIED COPY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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STATE OF MICHIGAN)

I, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on July 12th, 2017, as it appears of record in my office.

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)^{SS.}

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 13th day of July, 2017.

LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register

BY: _____ Deputy Clerk



Res. No. 17-105