

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE GENESEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

WHEREAS, arts and cultural institutions in Genesee County; including the Sloan Museum, the Longway Planetarium, The Whiting Auditorium, the Flint Institute of Arts, and The Flint Institute of Music within the cultural center; have long provided educational and inspirational programming to Genesee County with programs, shows, and more that have enriched the lives of students, residents, and visitors of the County and provided critical educational resources for decades; and

WHEREAS, dedicated funding for arts and cultural institutions in the form of a countywide 10-year millage of 0.96 mill (96 cents per \$1,000 in taxable value) provided to arts and cultural institutions through the Flint Cultural Center Foundation and the Greater Flint Arts Council would continue and strengthen effective arts education and cultural enrichment programming and activities in Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, if the proposed millage is approved, cultural center institutions have committed to provide all residents of Genesee County with free general admission to the Sloan Museum and the Flint Institute of Arts and selected discounts on shows and programs at the Longway Planetarium, the Whiting Auditorium, the Capitol Theatre, the Flint Youth Theatre, the Flint School of Performing Arts, the Flint Symphony Orchestra, and The Flint Institute of Music; and

WHEREAS, if the proposed millage is approved, The Floyd J. McCree Theatre & Fine Arts Centre has committed to provide all residents of Genesee County with significantly discounted admission to all of its mainstage productions, all 5 to 18 year-old residents of Genesee County with free after school workshops, and all 5 to 12 year-

old residents of Genesee County with free admission to both its Black History Film Series and its after school workshops; and

WHEREAS, if the proposed millage is approved, the Friends of Berston have committed to provide all residents of Genesee County with the following at the Berston Field House: free admission to the Annual Anniversary Arts Festival; free access to the Neighborhood Virtual Library and Computer Literacy and Learning Center; free tuition and admission to Chosen Few Arts Council instructional programming; free tuition and admission to the Motown Line Dancing series; and reduced tuition for the Creative Expression Dance Studio and workshops; and

WHEREAS, if the proposed millage is approved, \$500,000 will be allocated each year to the Greater Flint Arts Council for arts programming grants to other nonprofit or governmental arts and cultural institutions in Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Genesee County, Michigan, is authorized under Section 11 of 1851 PA 156, as amended, MCL 461.11, to raise by tax upon the county those funds authorized by law, subject to applicable voting requirements, and the County of Genesee may under Section 3 of Chapter 1846 RS 13, as amended, MCL 45.3, do all other necessary acts in relation to the property and concerns of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this Board of County Commissioners of Genesee County, Michigan, that the following question shall be submitted to a vote of the electorate of Genesee County on August 7, 2018, in a special election to be held in conjunction with the regular primary election scheduled for that date:

GENESEE COUNTY

ARTS EDUCATION & CULTURAL ENRICHMENT MILLAGE

The proposal would authorize Genesee County to levy a property tax:

- to be used to provide annual dedicated funding through the Flint Cultural Center Foundation for the continuing support of arts education and cultural enrichment programs for students, residents, and visitors of Genesee County at cultural center institutions, including the Sloan Museum, the Longway Planetarium, The Whiting Auditorium, the Flint Institute of Arts, the Flint School of Performing Arts, the Flint Symphony Orchestra, the Flint Youth Theatre, The Flint Institute of Music, and the Capitol Theatre, and at the Floyd J. McCree Theatre & Fine Arts Centre and the Berston Field House, and for related purposes authorized by law;
- to also be used to provide \$500,000 annually to the Greater Flint Arts Council for grants to support arts education and cultural enrichment programs at other nonprofit and governmental arts and cultural institutions in Genesee County;
- at a rate of 0.96 mill (\$0.96 for each \$1,000.00 of taxable value);
- for 10 years beginning in 2018 and ending in 2027; and
- that may not be increased, renewed, or used for other purposes without voter approval.

If this new additional millage is approved and levied, revenue will be disbursed to Genesee County for appropriation by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners. It is estimated that \$8,775,654.56 will be collected in the first year.

Should this proposal be approved?

YES []

NO []

Under current state law, local authorities in Genesee County may capture and use for authorized purposes tax increment revenues from property taxes levied by Genesee County, including a portion of the millage, if approved. Unless state law changes, the following local authorities are expected to capture and receive a disbursement of a portion of the millage, if approved: City of Burton Downtown Development Authority (“DDA”); City of Clio DDA and Neighborhood Improvement Authority (“NIA”); City of Davison DDA and Local Development Finance Authority (“LDFA”); City of Fenton DDA and LDFA; City of Flint DDA; East Pierson Road Corridor Improvement Authority (“CIA”) and NIA; City of Grand Blanc DDA and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (“BRA”); City of Linden DDA; City of Montrose DDA; City of Mt. Morris DDA; City of Swartz Creek DDA; Genesee County BRA and Land Bank Authority; Davison Township DDA; Hill Road CIA; Mt. Morris Township Business Development Authority (“BDA”); Vienna

Township BDA; Village of Lennon DDA; Village of Otisville DDA; and Village of Otter Lake DDA. The total amount of tax increment revenue projected to be captured in the first year of the millage is estimated to be \$193,752.35.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the preceding question is hereby certified to the County Clerk/Register and, through the County Clerk/Register, to the Board of Election Commissioners of Genesee County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the millage and dedicated funding for nonprofit and governmental arts and cultural institutions within Genesee County provided by the preceding question is hereby declared to be a valid public purpose and for the benefit of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Genesee County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a special election is called for August 7, 2018, throughout Genesee County, for the purpose of submitting the above-stated ballot question to the electorate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the aforesaid election and of registration therefor shall be given, the ballots therefor shall be prepared, the election shall be conducted, and the results thereof shall be canvassed and certified, all as required by law, by the County Clerk/Register, the Board of Election Commissioners, the Board of County Canvassers, and other election officials.

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