

A RESOLUTION CALLING ON PRESIDENT BIDEN AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
TREASURY TO ENSURE PROPER ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SUPPORT  
TO THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR BY APPROPRIATELY DESIGNATING THE CITY AS A  
“METRO CITY”

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 21, 2020

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County expresses our sincere appreciation to President Biden and Congress for passage of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP), which includes the wide-ranging and much-needed direct support for local governments, states, and the American people; and

WHEREAS, direct support provided to counties, cities, and townships throughout the United States will ensure critically-needed support to overcome the economic, public safety, and health challenges, along with revenue losses, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, we are impressed with the speed with which the Department of Treasury is acting to release important guidelines, funding mechanisms, and policies, and we look forward to aiding in the implementation of the various aspects of this package; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County is home to the City of Ann Arbor, and the City is our largest municipality with a population of over 120,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor’s General Fund is down over \$8 mil in revenue to date since the pandemic started and project multi-million dollar losses of revenue in the coming years, paired with millions increased community need to support the economic recovery of city residents, businesses, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, initial ARP estimates outlined that the City of Ann Arbor should receive \$22.5 million allocated by the U.S. Department of Treasury but that the City has since been informed that they should anticipate only receiving \$11.85 million; and

WHEREAS, this discrepancy in anticipated funding is significant and represents a disproportionately low level of support for the City in comparison to similarly-sized and comparable jurisdictions, several of which are receiving double the amount of funding despite lower overall populations and revenue losses; and

WHEREAS, the central issue of concern appears to be the designation as a “metro city,” which the U.S. Department of Treasury defines in its allocation plan as having a population of more than 50,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor absolutely meets the criteria to be defined as a metro city, as defined by the U.S. Department of Treasury’s definition, but has been mis-designated as not being included as a “metro city”; and

WHEREAS, United States Representative Debbie Dingell and United States Senator Gary Peters have submitted inquiries to the U.S. Department of Treasury seeking to remedy this concern and ensure the City of Ann Arbor receives the necessary and appropriate funding support.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners requests that President Biden and the U.S. Department of Treasury appropriately re-designates the City of Ann Arbor as a "Metro City" for the purpose of the American Rescue Plan to ensure the proper allocation of funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we request your immediate attention in resolving this significant concern for our community prior to the U.S. Department of Treasury making a final determination and distributing funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this resolution will be transmitted to President Joe Biden and the United States Department of Treasury, with carbon copy to Representative Debbie Dingell, Senator Gary Peters, and Senate Debbie Stabenow.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Beeman	X			Maciejewski	X			Shink	X		
Hodge	X			Morgan	X						
Jefferson	X			Sanders	X						
LaBarre	X			Scott	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 April 21, 2021, as it appears of record in my office.

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)<sup>SS</sup>.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2021.

LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Clerk



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