



Clinton County Republican Party Resolution 2023-2

A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN THE COLLUSIVE ACTIONS OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LEAP, MSU, MEDC, GIFFELS WEBSTER, ET AL, TO SUBVERT THE WILL OF THE RESIDENTS OF EAGLE TOWNSHIP AND CLINTON COUNTY

Whereas; The Clinton County Republican Party hereby implores the Clinton County Planning and Zoning Board and the Clinton County Commissioners to respect the will of the residents of Eagle Township who will be negatively impacted if the proposed MegaSite project is approved by a vote of both the Clinton County Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of Commissioners; and

Whereas; This massive MegaSite project was commenced without the knowledge of the people who would be negatively impacted if it were to come to fruition; and

Whereas; Conversations were initiated between the Clinton County Commissioners, LEAP, MEDC, MSU, Giffels Webster, and a local real estate broker; and non-disclosure agreements were signed by the various parties including the current Eagle Township Supervisor, who also serves on the Clinton County Planning and Zoning Board. As the township supervisor, she should have recused herself from the Clinton County Planning and Zoning Board ; and

Whereas; The Clinton County Board of Commissioners acquired \$100,000 from county funds to hire a "project manager" who has a 1-year contract and an office at LEAP paid for by Clinton County, to facilitate the economic development within Clinton County specific to the MegaSite; and

Whereas; Real estate transactions were arranged with people who would be displaced by the site with property values purportedly higher than the true market value. Documents have already been signed by Eagle Township residents and are just awaiting the approval of the contract; and

Whereas; The Clinton County Board of Commissioners have shown a total disregard for the welfare and opinions of Eagle Township residents by excluding them from discussions that were held with the various entities that have been in collusion since the project was proposed by LEAP to the County Board; and

Whereas, Public questions and comments were not allowed at the March 2, 2023 "open house" which had been promoted by the Eagle Township Supervisor as an opportunity for residents to voice their concerns and receive answers; and

Whereas; The Clinton County Board of Commissioners have abused the trust placed in them to make planning and zoning decisions in the best interest of Eagle Township residents; and

Whereas; It is unconscionable that the county commissioner, representing Eagle Township, would be complicit in participating in this deceptive process; and

Whereas; Michigan State University has also violated the trust that David Morris had in them to honor the agreement he made with the university in good faith; and

Whereas; The Clinton County Board of Commissioners now must decide whether they will do the right thing and not rezone the property to allow for the development of the area; or if they will they acquiesce to the pressures of LEAP, MEDC, MSU, and the Whitmer administration, and override the will of the Eagle Township residents; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Clinton County Republican Party Executive Committee expects the duly elected Republican county commissioners to rectify the situation by honoring the wishes of the residents of the impacted area by not rezoning the defined area to accommodate the demands of interlopers attempting to usurp local autonomy and authority. Let it also be known; that regardless of what the commissioners decide to do regarding the proposed MegaSite —ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES, and choosing to abandon the people who elected them to serve will have negative ramifications.

Let It Also Be Known, That copies of this resolution will be transmitted electronically to each of the Clinton County Commissioners, local television broadcast media outlets, and print media outlets that have coverage in Clinton County.

Approved by a majority of the Clinton County Republican Party Executive Committee present and voting on this day, Thursday, March 16, 2023.

Stephen Willis, Chairman
Clinton County Republican Party

Nancy Bareham, Vice-Chair
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