

Copy of Petition Language for Wayne After-School Proposal:

Initiation of Legislation:

Shall Wayne County be authorized to levy 1 mill, equal to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable real property, which may be assessed against all property except that exempted by law for the period 2020 through 2025 to provide afterschool programs, including summer and weekends, that promote safety, improve math and reading, build work readiness skills and provide recreation for Wayne County children and youth? The amount raised by the levy in the first calendar year is estimated at \$42,503,228.00. The fund is subject to an independent annual audit and will disclose all spending on a public website.

Summary:

A petition-initiated effort to provide dedicated funding for children and youth services by creating the Wayne County Afterschool Fund ("Fund") through a ballot initiative that will set aside 1 mill of all property tax monies, except those exempted by law, annually, from March 11, 2020 through March 10, 2025 to establish the Fund. Oversight of the Fund will be provided by an independent Oversight Board. Before the end of the initial five (5) - year period, the Fund's outcomes will be evaluated for renewal or revision.

Section 1. Fund

Beginning March 11, 2020, there is hereby established in the treasury of the County of Wayne (the "County") a special fund to expand children and youth services in the County, which shall be called the Wayne County Afterschool Fund (the "Fund").

Revenue generated for the Wayne County Afterschool Fund will be used to provide high-quality afterschool, weekend and summer programs and services to children and youth with the greatest need in every community in Wayne County. Revenue may be used for no other purpose.

Afterschool is defined in this case as high-quality youth development opportunities aimed at improving outcomes related to social-emotional development, academic readiness, work readiness, and safety. Activities provided will be skills-based and intentionally designed, and administered by trained staff in a safe environment. Programs and services will include school-year, weekends, and summer programs in multiple settings, with a focus on neighborhood-based programs.

Section 2. Amount and Source of Funding

The County shall collect and allocate an additional 1 mill of the annual actual property tax revenue of the County to be transferred to the Fund. The Fund shall be maintained separate and apart from all other County funds and shall be appropriated annually at the time of the County's budget adoption, and by supplemental appropriation when necessary as determined by the County Commissioners.

Section 3. Goals

The goals of expenditures from the Fund shall be:

- A. To ensure that Wayne County's children and youth are physically, emotionally, mentally and socially healthy and academically successful;
- B. To increase safety for children and youth, and the communities in which they live by preventing problems and enhancing the strengths of children, youth and their families;
- C. To ensure young people are provided with trauma-informed, population specific and culturally-competent services;
- D. To strengthen collaboration around shared outcomes among service providers from schools, county agencies and community-based organizations;
- E. To provide equitable distribution of resources to young people within each community of Wayne County in recognition of the importance of investment in their futures; and
- F. To fill gaps in services and leverage other federal, state and private resources whenever feasible.

Section 4. Restricted Uses

It is the intent of the measure that the funds collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be used to support math, reading, work-readiness, violence prevention and enrichment programs afterschool, including weekends and summer for children and youth in grades K-12, and that such funds shall not be used as a substitute for existing resources or for resources that would otherwise be available for math, reading, work-readiness, violence prevention and enrichment programs afterschool, including weekends and summer for children and youth in grades K-12.

Entities eligible to receive funding shall be:

1. Nonprofit organizations with annual operating budgets totaling more than \$500,000;
2. Nonprofit organizations with annual operating budgets totaling less than \$500,000;
3. Public agencies (municipalities, parks and recreation departments, public libraries, etc.), in partnership with nonprofit organizations that serve children and youth; and
4. Local schools and school districts, in partnership with nonprofit organizations that serve children and youth.

Section 5. Administrative Expenses

Commencing in county fiscal year 2020-2021 and each fiscal year thereafter through fiscal year 2024-2025, a maximum of five percent (5%) of the Fund can be used for costs related to administering the Fund, including staff support, basic infrastructure, support for the agencies administering any contracts, and overhead costs.

Section 6. Administration and Oversight

Oversight of the Fund shall be provided by a fifteen (15) - member Wayne County Afterschool Fund Oversight Board (the "Oversight Board"), comprised of community stakeholders with youth development expertise, as follows:

- A. The fund shall be administered by staff of an independent nonprofit, to be identified by the below Oversight Board and approved by the Wayne County Commission.
- B. The Wayne County Executive shall appoint fifteen (15) members within sixty (60) days of the election comprised of:
 - a. At least three (3) appointees must be Wayne County Commissioners;
 - b. One homeowner who is subject to the tax imposed by this initiative;
 - c. One parent of a child who is (or was within five (5) years of the time of appointment) a student of a school within Wayne County;
 - d. One person with professional experience or expertise in youth development and social-emotional learning;
 - e. One member of law enforcement with direct experience with children and youth;
 - f. One educator or administrator with professional expertise in education, employed by a school within Wayne RESA; and
 - g. Two (2) current or recent students (attended within the last three (3) years) from a school within Wayne County.
- C. All appointments are subject to approval by the Wayne County Commission.
- D. The Oversight Board shall have the following responsibilities, powers, and functions:
 - a. The role of the Oversight Board will be to develop bylaws regarding the Fund, monitor the Fund, ensure that the Fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community, and ensure the highest

standards of care and transparency.

b. Responsibilities of the Oversight Board shall be:

i. Strategic planning: (a) creating an initial Strategic Investment Plan as described under Section 7, and (b) updating the Strategic Investment Plan every two (2) years;

ii. Reviewing applications for funding through a transparent and fair application process, led by an independent nonprofit;

iii. Determine annual funding cycles;

iv. Presenting to the County Commission, and making available on the public website, a list of grants to be awarded for each funding cycle;

v. Work with a third-party, external independent evaluator to conduct periodic program evaluations of funded programs; and

vi. Reviewing financial reports and audits to confirm that spending from the Fund is consistent with all provisions of this Article, and that the funds are being managed responsibly. Audit reports, including all spending, shall be made available on a public website.

c. The Oversight Board shall adopt rules and regulations to govern its procedures, which shall, among other things, include the manner of calling and giving notices of meetings. Its meetings shall be open to the public and subject to the Michigan Open Meetings Act. A majority of the regular members shall constitute a quorum.

d. The Oversight Board shall be responsible for reporting to the public, the programs, services and outcomes supported by the Fund.

E. The Oversight Board members serve two (2) years in length, and no member shall serve more than three (3) full, consecutive terms.

F. Members of the Oversight Board may not receive income from or serve as an officer, director, or employee of a program or organization that is the recipient of funds from the Wayne County Afterschool Fund.

G. Members shall serve without compensation, provided that members may request and receive reimbursement for actual transportation and childcare expenses, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) annually.

H. Members shall, to the extent possible, represent the demographic diversity of the population of Wayne County, and the number of members who are residents of the City of Detroit may not exceed six (6).

Section 7. Strategic Investment Plan

It shall be the responsibility of the Oversight Board to:

- A. Collect information on the needs of the community to inform the priorities of the fund;
- B. Develop annually a set of priority outcome areas for the fund, informed by data on program availability and performance and on youth and community input;
- C. Create and approve an annual allocation budget in line with such priority outcome areas;
- D. Oversee the administering of Requests for Proposals for each of the respective thirty-four (34) cities/townships, by the selected nonprofit;
- E. Provide an annual budget and audit, submitted to the County Executive and Commission and made available to the public; and
- F. Make public an annual report including:
 - a. Current members of the allocation board and fund staff (including executive director);
 - b. The strategic priorities of the fund;
 - c. A list of all funding recipients; and
 - d. Data on the impact/performance of programs and services funded.

Section 8: Severability

All ordinances or parts of ordinances that conflict with this ordinance are repealed.