



Resolution No. 2006-108
May 2, 2006

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, a petition drive has been initiated in the City of Ypsilanti with the intent of amending the City Charter. That the purpose of such an amendment is to dedicate a specific amount of general fund millage to provide for mass transportation through the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority; and

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti is facing a severe budget constriction due to several factors including the effects of Proposal A, the Headlee Amendment, the impending closure of the former Visteon Plant, the reduction in State Shared Revenues and the large percentage of non-taxable land within our borders; and

Whereas, the City Council meets annually to formulate a set of goals which are used by the City Manager and Department Heads to develop a budget strategy. Many competing services must be evaluated based on state or federal mandates, health and safety, economic development and other factors; and

Whereas the City Council has been diligently working to mitigate the possible reduction in our bus services and are already committed to increasing the fare to accomplish some of our challenges; and

Whereas, the 20 mil cap on our general fund levy has already been reduced to 19.0211 through the effects of the Headlee Amendment. Mandating expenditures, however worthy the intent, restricts the City Council from the flexibility required to address the serious budget issues facing Ypsilanti at present.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Council of the City of Ypsilanti opposes any effort to earmark funds intended for the general operation of the city and strongly opposes any effort to amend the City Charter for that purpose.

OFFERED: _____

SUPPORT: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE: