PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN RES #09-23

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE ANN ARBOR MUNICIPAL AIRPORT RUNWAY

MARCH 24, 2009

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Pittsfield Charter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held at the Township Administration Building located at 6201 W. Michigan Avenue, in said Township, on the 24th day of March, at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Grewal, Israel, Scribner, Ferguson, Hunt, Krone, Yi.

Members Absent: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Scribner and supported by Member Ferguson.

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor airport is under the jurisdiction of the City of Ann Arbor and operated by an independent Authority and the land is located within Pittsfield Charter Township immediately adjacent to a residential area; and

WHEREAS, the existing width and length has not posed any substantial safety concerns in the past with only five incidents of landing mishaps out of a total of 600,000 landings in the past eight years; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes and expansion would shift the runway dangerously close to a busy township roadway (Lohr Road) and closer to dense residential subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, such a runway expansion will significantly increase air traffic volumes and noise pollution experienced by residential subdivisions in the vicinity of the Ann Arbor airport, thereby resulting in a decline of residential home property values; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor has not fully demonstrated the economic and safety justifications for undertaking the proposed runway expansion; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor appears to have not taken into consideration the negative safety implications such a runway expansion may impose on the surrounding residential subdivisions by expanding a runway closer to residential subdivisions

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Pittsfield Charter Township Board of Trustees urges the City of Ann Arbor to reconsider the merits of expanding the Ann Arbor Airport runway in light of the negative implications such an expansion would impose on the residents of Pittsfield Charter Township.

AYES:

Grewal, Israel, Scribner, Ferguson, Hunt, Krone, Yi.

NAYS:

None.

ABSENT:

None.

ABSTAIN:

None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Alan Israel, Clerk

Pittsfield Charter Township

DATED: March 24, 2009.

CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Israel hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Pittsfield Charter Township, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on March 24, 2009, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Alan Israel, Clerk

Pittsfield Charter Township

DATED: March 24, 2009.