

**CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION #2026-12
OPPOSING THE PROPOSED OAKLAND COUNTY
REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lathrup Village, Oakland County, Michigan (the "City"), held on the 15th day of June 2026.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following preamble and Resolution were offered by _____ and seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, the City of Lathrup Village is a municipal corporation located within Oakland County and is served by the Southfield Public School District; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County Intermediate School District is placing a 1.5 mill countywide Regional Enhancement Millage on the August 4, 2026, Primary Election ballot, which would levy a property tax across all participating districts to generate additional per-pupil funding distributed on an equal basis; and

WHEREAS, under Michigan law, a regional enhancement millage must be levied on a countywide basis, and revenues are distributed uniformly on a per-pupil basis to all constituent districts and eligible public-school academies; and

WHEREAS, while such millages are intended to supplement school funding and may generate additional revenue per student across a region, the uniform distribution model does not account for disparities in local tax base contributions among districts; and

WHEREAS, the Southfield Public School District, which serves residents of the City of Lathrup Village, is widely understood to be a net contributor ("donor district") under a countywide enhancement millage structure, meaning that taxpayers within the district would contribute more to millage revenue than is returned on a per-pupil basis; and

WHEREAS, according to the City Assessor's Office, Lathrup Village taxpayers are projected to contribute approximately \$301,174 in the first year, while Southfield Public Schools would receive only approximately \$144,485, resulting in a net transfer of nearly \$157,000 to other districts; and

WHEREAS, over the proposed six-year term, Lathrup Village taxpayers would contribute over \$1.8 million, while the district receives approximately \$867,000; and

WHEREAS, this donor district dynamic would result in a transfer of locally generated tax revenues from Lathrup Village residents to other districts within Oakland County, thereby reducing the proportional benefit received by local taxpayers and students; and

WHEREAS, the proposed millage would represent an additional property tax burden on residents of Lathrup Village without a commensurate return on investment to the Southfield Public School District; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of adequately funding public education, but believes that funding mechanisms should be equitable, transparent, and reflective of local taxpayer contributions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further believes that alternative funding approaches should be explored that do not disproportionately impact communities identified as donor districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council of the City of Lathrup Village hereby opposes the proposed Oakland County 1.5 mill Regional Enhancement Millage in its current form.
2. The City Council finds that the proposed millage structure would result in an inequitable distribution of locally generated tax revenues and would disproportionately impact Lathrup Village residents as part of a donor school district.
3. The City Council urges Oakland County officials, local school districts, and policymakers to pursue more equitable school funding solutions that do not result in net revenue losses for certain communities.
4. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to:
 - The Oakland County Board of Commissioners
 - Oakland Schools Intermediate School District
 - The Southfield Public School District Board of Education
 - Local state legislators representing the City of Lathrup Village
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT/ABSTAIN:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF OAKLAND

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Lathrup Village, Oakland County, Michigan at a regular meeting duly called and held on the 15th day of June 2026, the original of which resolution is on file in my office, and that notice of said meeting was given, the meeting was held and the minutes filed in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

Alisa Emanuel
City Clerk