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Cities: Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland

Townships: Canton Charter Township, Huron Charter Township, Northville Charter Township, Plymouth Charter Township, Redford Charter Township, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Charter Township

Resolution 2023-002

REQUEST TO RE-OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD RELATED TO THE DEEP INJECTION WELL IN ROMULUS, MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) is comprised of 18 member communities and over 730,000 residents in Wayne County, MI; and

WHEREAS, the City of Romulus and surrounding community elected officials and residents have raised concerns throughout the past three decades regarding the viability of the hazardous waste injection well located in Romulus, and

WHEREAS, the hazardous waste injection well is owned and operated by Republic Services; where the facility license allows storage of 11,000 gallons of hazardous waste in above-ground containers, 92,000 gallons of waste in rail tanker cars and 240,670 gallons of waste in tanks. Injection wells which are used for disposal put liquid waste deep underground beneath groundwater supplies. This facility receives most of its waste from out-of-state; and

WHEREAS, an immediate concern related to the recent train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio with hazardous materials that were shipped to this facility, posing a health risk to the residents in the area, as well as to the environment and fresh water supply of Michigan's Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, public safety issues of this magnitude affect the entire western Wayne County region and the surrounding communities in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Romulus officials and residents have no say in what occurs at that deep injection well, although it directly impacts the health and welfare of their community and the surrounding communities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference of Western Wayne Board of Directors formally requests that the Public Comment Period regarding the Romulus facility be re-opened to hear the concerns of the chief elected officials and residents of the western Wayne County area.

Motion to approve the resolution as presented by the City of Romulus, seconded by the City of Westland

Ayes:

City of Dearborn, City of Dearborn Heights, City of Garden City, City of Inkster, City of Northville, City of Romulus, City of Wayne, City of Westland, Canton Charter Township, Huron Charter Township, Northville Charter Township, Plymouth Charter Township, Redford Charter Township, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Charter Township

Nays:

None

Absent: City of Belleville, City of Livonia, City of Plymouth

I attest that this is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at the direction of the CWW Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on March 10, 2023 in the City of Inkster.

Supervisor David Glaab

CWW Chairman of the Board