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STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
City of Detroit } ss.

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I, Janice M. Winfrey, City Clerk of the City of Detroit, in said State, do hereby certify that the annexed paper is a TRUE COPY OF RESOLUTION

adopted (passed) by the City Council at session of Tuesday, May 19, 2015

and approved by Mayor Wednesday, May 27, 2015

as appears from the Journal of said City Council in the office of the City Clerk of Detroit, aforesaid; that I have compared the same with the original, and the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said City, at Detroit, this 2nd day of June A.D. 2015


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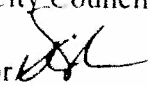
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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council
FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division Staff
DATE: May 6, 2015
RE: Resolution opposing Ontario nuclear waste dump

Attached please find a draft resolution requested by Council member Castañeda-López, expressing Council's opposition to the proposed Ontario Power Generation nuclear waste site near the shore of Lake Huron.

If Council has any additional questions or concerns regarding these matters, LPD would be pleased to provide further research and analysis and report back regarding same.

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED UNDERGROUND RADIOACTIVE WASTE DUMP IN ONTARIO NEAR THE SHORE OF LAKE HURON

BY COUNCIL MEMBER Castañeda-López:

WHEREAS, Ontario Power Generation (OPG), a multi-billion dollar utility that is wholly owned by the Canadian Province of Ontario, has announced plans to construct a nuclear waste dump at the site of the Bruce Nuclear Power Station, in the municipality of Kincardine, Ontario; and

WHEREAS, This proposed nuclear dump site is said to be located 1 kilometer inland from the shore of Lake Huron at the surface, and more than 400 meters beneath the deepest adjacent point of the lake bottom; and

WHEREAS, OPG owns all of Ontario's nuclear power stations, and all the waste they create; and

WHEREAS, While OPG currently states that only so-called "low" and "intermediate" level radioactive wastes will be buried at this facility, the nearby location of the OPG Bruce Nuclear Power Station is likely to create irresistible pressure to dump all radioactive wastes, including high level waste there; moreover so-called intermediate level wastes are actually highly radioactive, toxic and dangerous, and may remain so for as long as 100,000 years; and

WHEREAS, No geologist or other scientist or government authority can guarantee that such a radioactive waste dump will not leak or release its dangerous contents for a period of 100,000 years; and

WHEREAS, Approximately forty (40) million people rely on the bi-national Great Lakes basin for drinking water; and

WHEREAS, An underground nuclear waste dump in the limestone formations at this location, immediately adjacent to the waters of the Great Lakes, is an unprecedented, unproven and inherently dangerous technology; and

WHEREAS, Rod McLeod, a former Deputy Minister for the Environment in Ontario, has reportedly stated that "... the OPG proposal is very unwise"; and

WHEREAS, William Fyfe, a retired University of Western Ontario professor and an international nuclear waste consultant, has reportedly stated that "You do not put nuclear waste near things like the Great Lakes or the great rivers in case there's a leakage that you haven't expected"; and

WHEREAS, Any risk of radioactive nuclear waste contaminating the Great Lakes and the drinking water of forty (40) million people is too great a risk to take; and

WHEREAS, The criticism has been leveled that there has been no publicly acknowledged serious process or attempt to evaluate any other locations for such a facility that are farther from the Great Lakes shore line; and

WHEREAS, The dumping of allegedly “low” and “intermediate” level radioactive waste at the OPG threatens to be a “Trojan horse” for subsequent dumping of high level waste, especially given OPG’s need to dispose of such waste, and the notorious difficulty of siting such an undesirable land use; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Senator Debbie Stabenow and former Senator Carl Levin have reportedly stated that “The placement of this nuclear waste storage facility is of great concern given its location near Lake Huron and the importance of the Great Lakes to tens of millions of U.S. and Canadian citizens for drinking water, fisheries, tourism, recreation, and other industrial and economic uses”; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Congressional Representatives Dan Kildee and Sander Levin, and former Representatives John Dingell (retired) and Gary Peters (now a Senator) wrote a letter to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission expressing significant concerns about the proposed OPG, and asking that they “continue to explore all other locations ... outside of the Great Lakes basin”; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan State Senate’s Resolution No.58 sponsored by Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood notes that Michigan’s siting criteria for disposal of low level radioactive waste prohibit any such site located within ten miles of Lakes Michigan, Superior, Huron, Erie, or St. Clair, or the Saint Mary’s, Detroit, or St. Clair Rivers; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan State House of Representatives’ Resolution No. 178 sponsored by Rep. Sarah Roberts notes that the OPG site is approximately 120 miles upstream from the main drinking water intakes for Southeastern Michigan, which would include Detroit; and

WHEREAS, The Macomb County Board of Commissioners Resolution No. R13-142 states that “placing a permanent nuclear waste burial facility so close to the Great Lakes is ill-advised” and urges Canadian officials to find alternatives; and

WHEREAS, The Village Council of Lexington, Michigan’s Resolution No. 2013-08 opposes the OPG or any other nuclear waste repository within the Great Lakes Basin; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DETROIT, THAT City Council joins with other concerned leaders and people on both sides of the border, and strongly opposes siting and construction of a proposed nuclear waste dump at the site of the OPG or any other site in the Great Lakes Basin that potentially threatens the Great Lakes with radioactive contamination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Canadian and U.S. officials should actively seek and find alternative disposal sites for radioactive waste; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Copies of this resolution shall be provided to Michigan state and federal legislators, the Secretary of State, the President, the Mayor of Windsor, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and Environment Canada.

**ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS
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