

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents
April 21, 2011

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Building Naming

Action

Requested: Authorization to name the Biomedical Science Research Building
in honor of A. Alfred Taubman

Background:

The University of Michigan has received a gift from A. Alfred Taubman completing a \$100 million commitment to fund innovative medical science through the A. Alfred Taubman Medical Research Institute. The gift will fund innovative, highly promising medical research in high-risk and potentially high-return avenues of inquiry focused on a range of diseases, and the research of scientists named as Taubman Scholars within the institute. These are leading faculty members who are both laboratory scientists and physicians with active clinical practices, making the Taubman Institute one of the most innovative medical research organizations in the United States. Mr. Taubman's previous gifts to the institute have already supported the work of 15 scientists.

Mr. Taubman's gifts to the University of Michigan now total more than \$141 million, making him the largest single donor to the university. His previous support includes a transformative gift to the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning to create an endowment for student scholarships and faculty appointments, resulting in the school being named in his honor; a gift for the Museum of Art renovation project; funding for the University Hospital replacement project in the early 1980s; and other support for a Health Sciences Library; the Office of Financial Aid; and a Program in American Institutions in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

In recognition of Mr. Taubman's exceptional generosity to fund a broad range of research on diseases that affect humankind, including breast cancer, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), obesity, and rare genetic conditions, we recommend that the Board of Regents formally designate the Biomedical Science Research Building as the A. Alfred Taubman Biomedical Science Research Building.

Respectfully submitted,



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