## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

## ACTION REQUEST

Subject: 1024 Hill Street Facility

Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

The Madelon Pound House that currently houses the Ginsberg Center was constructed in 1898 and acquired by the university in 1951. We propose to demolish and replace the outdated 7,500 gross-square-foot Madelon Pound House with a new, approximately 11,000 gross-square-foot building to house the Ginsberg Center. In accordance with the university's naming policy, Madelon Pound's name will continue to be honored in an appropriate way, as approved by the Facilities Naming Steering Committee.

The facility will be designed to allow increased collaboration among community partners, faculty, and students to improve the university's capacity for positive community engagement. The existing facility is impacting the Ginsberg Center's ability to expand its services and limiting its mission of community engagement. The proposed new facility will include engagement rooms, a resource library, student organization space, support, and administration spaces. We plan to include an on-site geothermal system for heating and cooling the facility.

The estimated cost of the project is \$10,500,000. Funding will be provided from a gift. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of SmithGroup Inc. will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of nine on-site construction jobs. Design is scheduled to begin immediately and we will return with a construction schedule when we seek approval of schematic design.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the 1024 Hill Street Facility to house the Ginsberg Center as described and authorize commissioning Smithgroup Inc. for its design.

Respectfully submitted,

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