

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 08-22.24

A Resolution Rejecting Private Money for Funding Elections

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Jackson, State of Michigan, states:

Whereas, Jackson County through the Board of Commissioners has the authority to accept or reject proposed donations or grants to the County in the form of cash, personal property, and real property;

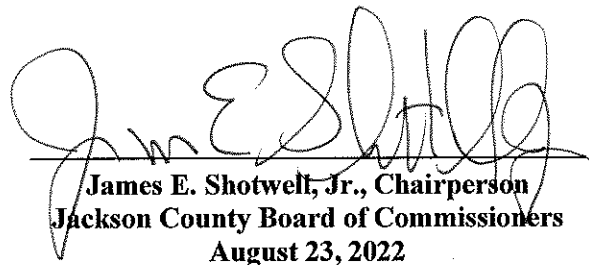
Whereas, funding and managing elections has always been a government function; and

Whereas, private organizations are not subject to the same laws as public institutions, they are not required to hold public hearings, cannot be monitored via freedom of information requests and other mechanisms of administrative and financial transparency, are not subject to the normal checks and balances of the governmental process, and are not accountable to citizens if the public disapproves of their actions.

Therefore, be it Resolved, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners:

1. Affirms that funding and managing elections is a government function, not a private function;
2. Shall not approve or accept donations or grants of private money or personal or real property to the County for use or purposes of funding and managing elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, Representative Julie Alexander, Representative Sarah Lightner, the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association of County Treasurers, Michigan



James E. Shotwell, Jr., Chairperson
Jackson County Board of Commissioners
August 23, 2022

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

I, Amanda L. Kirkpatrick, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Jackson, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Jackson, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on August 23, 2022 at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout and that an original thereof is on file in the records of the County. I further certify that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976; and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Amanda L. Kirkpatrick, County Clerk/Register of Deeds