

*A Resolution Supporting the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) Millage Renewal.*

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**WHEREAS**, The renewal of the Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne Counties' property tax millage providing operating funds to the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) will be put to a vote in this upcoming March election; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, While this millage has been in effect, the DIA has provided a number of services to Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne County residents, including free K-12 school field trips with free transportation, free senior group programming with free transportation, and unlimited free general admission;<sup>1</sup> **AND**

**WHEREAS**, 88% of all WSU students are Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne County residents;<sup>2</sup> **AND**

**WHEREAS**, All WSU students, regardless of their residency in the tri-county area, are given free admission to the DIA with their OneCard;<sup>3</sup> **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Due to our long-established mutually beneficial relationship, it is crucial to ensure that the DIA receives the support it needs to continue its operations into the future;<sup>4,5</sup> **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Given the tremendous cultural value of the DIA and the positive contributions that it has made to the greater region that our campus community resides in, it is imperative that our campus community support this institutional anchor; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, it is a primary mission of the Wayne State University Student Senate to support student access to regional resources and institutions, and to act as a good neighbor in our regional neighborhood.

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<sup>1</sup> Ballot Proposal Text.

<sup>2</sup> WSU 2018-2019 Fact Book. <https://oira.wayne.edu/publications/pub-fact-book-1819.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Email exchange with Marla Donovan, member of the DIA Board.

<sup>4</sup> "DIA's Inside|Out art program celebrates 10 years," *Today@Wayne*.

<https://today.wayne.edu/news/2019/04/16/dias-insideout-art-program-celebrates-10-years-31583>.

<sup>5</sup> "WSU looking to build bridges with involvement in DIA Plaza," The South End.

[https://www.thesouthend.wayne.edu/arts\\_and\\_entertainment/article\\_fe28430e-e78c-11e9-a3f4-eff89c6bb3fc.html](https://www.thesouthend.wayne.edu/arts_and_entertainment/article_fe28430e-e78c-11e9-a3f4-eff89c6bb3fc.html).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wayne State University Student Senate hereby endorses the DIA millage renewal, and urges the greater campus community to vote in favor of the DIA millage renewal on the ballot this upcoming March election; **AND**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wayne State University Student Senate will provide information on this ballot proposal to the student body in advance of this upcoming March election.

**AND FINALLY BE IT ORDERED**, that the Wayne State University Student Senate will circulate this resolution to all relevant outlets.

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*Stuart Baum*  
President

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