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TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: David Whitaker, Director
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DATE: August 6, 2019

RE: **REVISED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECONDARY STREET NAME IN HONOR OF EMANUEL STEWARD AT THE INTERSECTION OF EAST JEFFERSON AVENUE AND ST. AUBIN STREET**

The Detroit City Council requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) draft a **REVISED** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECONDARY STREET NAME IN HONOR OF EMANUEL STEWARD AT THE INTERSECTION OF EAST JEFFERSON AVENUE AND ST. AUBIN STREET.

Attached, please find our draft of the aforementioned resolution.

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

¹ This resolution previously approved by City Council, has now been revised to more accurately reflect the accomplishments of Mr. Emanuel Stewart. The ceremony to put into place the secondary street sign at the intersection of East Jefferson Avenue and St. Aubin, is scheduled for August 18, 2019.

RESOLUTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____:

**REVISED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
SECONDARY STREET NAME IN HONOR OF EMANUEL STEWARD AT THE
INTERSECTION OF EAST JEFFERSON AVENUE AND ST. AUBIN STREET**

- WHEREAS,** The Detroit City Council has received a request from Council President Jones, on behalf of Marie Steward (wife), Sylvia Steward-Williams (daughter and Kronk Boxing, CEO), Diane Steward-Jones (sister and President of the Emanuel Steward Foundation), LaVerne Steward-Hester (sister), Hilmer Kenty: World Boxing Association-Kronk's 1st World Champion, Thomas Hearn: World Boxing Council, World Boxing Association, World Boxing Organization and International Boxing Federation World Champion, Milton McCrory: World Boxing Council and North American Boxing Federation World Champion, and Jimmie Paul: The "Ringmaster" International Boxing Federation and United States Boxing Association World Champion, to assign a secondary street name in honor of Emanuel Steward, to be located at the intersection of East Jefferson Avenue and St. Aubin Street; and
- WHEREAS,** Emanuel Steward, celebrated as being the greatest boxing trainer of all time (G.O.A.T.), took a small basement gym in Detroit named Kronk, and put it on the map as the place where boxing champions were made; and
- WHEREAS,** by the 1980's, Emanuel Steward and his associates had built the Kronk Boxing Team into a world powerhouse, mystifying boxing experts the world over who marveled at his Detroit club's accomplishments. Mr. Steward trained a total of 43 world champions and 9 Olympic Gold Medalists – all at the 1984 Olympics. He also trained countless amateur national and regional champions; and
- WHEREAS,** Emanuel Steward was himself a fierce amateur boxing champion, who as a member of the 1963 Detroit Golden Gloves Championship Team, won the 1963 Golden Gloves Bantamweight Championship Title at the 1963 National Golden Gloves Tournament of the US, making it the first Detroit boxing team to bring the National Championship Trophy back to Detroit since Joe Louis; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1981, Steward was profiled in People Magazine, in connection with the September 16, 1981 Hearn-Leonard fight. In 1987, Steward appeared on the cover of the Wall Street Journal, as the personification of Detroit in sports; and in 1996, he was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame. A year later in 1997, Mr. Steward was featured in the September 15th issue of Sports Illustrated, in an article entitled: "Mr. Fix-it Emanuel Steward, Boxing Guru, Has Created a Mecca For Fighters In Need of Repair;" and

WHEREAS, In addition to being recognized as a boxing guru and trainer of champions, Mr. Steward was also an entrepreneur and venture capitalist. In 1993 he purchased and refurbished the 1940 Chop House, an iconic restaurant on East Jefferson and St. Aubin and a Detroit landmark. During the reopening of this mainstay restaurant, Mr. Steward vowed to hire Detroiters to operate and manage the facility, a vow that he kept; and

WHEREAS, Emanuel Steward became a boxing commentator for the HBO Network, until his passing on October 25, 2012; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, The Detroit City Council finds the above mentioned individual and the proposed location meets the criteria for Secondary Naming of a Street, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 50-7-31 through Sections 50-7-50 of the 1984 Detroit City Code; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That the intersection of East Jefferson Avenue and St. Aubin Street be assigned the secondary street name “Emanuel Steward” in celebration of his noteworthy achievements; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That the project cost of designing, producing, erecting, replacing and removing the necessary signs and markers shall be paid, in advance, to the Street Fund by the petitioner requesting the secondary name; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, That a certified copy of the resolution shall be transmitted by the City Clerk to the Fire Department, Police Department, the Department of Public Works and its City Engineering and Traffic Engineering Divisions, the Department of Transportation and the United States Postal Service.