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TO: The Detroit City Council

FROM: David D. Whitaker  
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RE: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 8CANTWAIT PLAN BY CAMPAIGN ZERO

The Honorable Council Member Janeé Ayers requested the Legislative Policy Division to draft a resolution in support of the 8CANTWAIT Plan by Campaign Zero and urging Detroit Police Chief James Craig to review the plan and implement it within the Detroit Police Department.

The draft resolution is attached for your review.

BY HONORABLE COUNCIL MEMBER JANEÉ AYERS

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 8CANTWAIT PLAN BY CAMPAIGN ZERO

**WHEREAS**, For far too long police departments across the nation have exercised undue or excessive force against people of color in many instances with complete impunity. The actions of some officers have rightfully placed all law enforcement agencies, and the entire U.S. criminal justice system in the spotlight; and

**WHEREAS**, The televised murder of Mr. George Floyd, regrettably, adds to the list of unjustified police killings, which includes Eleanor Bumpers, Breonna Taylor, Pamela Turner, Sandra Bland, Tanisha Anderson, Yvette Smith, Alberta Spruill, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, and, Philando Castile. These are just some of the recent examples of police brutality against African American men and women in this country; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2019, data of all police killings in the country compiled by Mapping Police Violence, African Americans were nearly three times more likely to die from police than white Americans. Other statistics showed that African Americans were nearly one-and-a-half times more likely to be unarmed before their death; and

**WHEREAS**, The Detroit City Council condemn all acts of police brutality, racial profiling and excessive use of force, and recognize there are some blind spots in our approach towards progressive community policing. This resolution calls for the adoption of reforms and policies to end these injustices; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 3, police reform activists, Campaign Zero launched 8CantWait, a database that tracks major cities' employment of eight policies that are proven to curtail police violence. According to a 2016, Campaign Zero study these eight policies can reduce police violence by 72%. The strategy is two-fold: to reduce the force of the police officers and shrink the role of the police officers. The policies, which include banning chokeholds and strangleholds, requiring de-escalation and a warning before shooting, exhausting all other means before shooting, a duty to intervene on excessive force, a ban on shooting at moving vehicles, limiting the types of force and weapons that can be used, and requiring comprehensive reporting; and

**WHEREAS**, During the course of time the Detroit Police Department has engaged in a number of progressive programs and policies. With regards to the 8CANTWAIT PLAN, the Detroit Police Department has already enacted four of the eight prescribed policies by Campaign Zero, they include:

- Bans Chokeholds and Strangleholds
- Require Warning Before Shooting
- Require to Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting
- Has Use of Force Continuum

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Detroit City Council supports the entirety of the 8 CANTWAIT PLAN by Campaign Zero and urges Detroit Police Chief James Craig to review the plan and implement **all** strategies within the Detroit Police Department. **BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED,** A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the mayor, the Board of Police Commissioners, the Detroit delegation for the Michigan Legislature, and the office of the Wayne County Prosecutor.