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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
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DATE: October 15, 2020

RE: RESOLUTIONS CANCELING ELECTION DAY MEETINGS

Council President Jones and Council Member Castañeda-López each directed memos to the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) with respect to cancellation of Council meetings during the week of the upcoming general election. In response, LPD submits a resolution, per President Jones's request, moving the November 3d formal session to Wednesday and canceling Wednesday's Internal Operations and Budget Committees. In addition, LPD submits three individual resolutions to address Council Member Castañeda-López's request, canceling the November 3d formal session as well as Monday, November 2d's Public Health & Safety Committee meeting and Wednesday, November 4th's Internal Operations and Budget Committee meetings.

Attached are drafts of the aforementioned resolutions for your review and consideration.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that in recognition of Election Day, the November 3, 2020, Formal Session of the Detroit City Council shall be rescheduled to Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.; and **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the regularly scheduled meetings of the Internal Operations Standing Committee and the Budget, Finance and Audit Standing Committee scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2020, will be cancelled. The committees will reconvene at their regularly scheduled meeting times the following week.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The 2020 General Election presents unique challenges due to a variety of circumstances, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and security threats, which have resulted in a substantial increase in absentee voting and will require additional ballot processing time and additional staff; and

WHEREAS, Citizens and City employees who are able to safely participate in assisting the City in ensuring a smooth, safe, timely, and accurate election are needed to assist in the process. **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, That to facilitate the additional ballot processing time required to accurately and timely complete the 2020 General Election in the City of Detroit, the Monday, November 2, 2020 Public Health and Safety Committee of the Detroit City Council shall be cancelled. The meeting will reconvene at its regularly scheduled time the following week.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The 2020 General Election presents unique challenges due to a variety of circumstances, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and security threats, which have resulted in a substantial increase in absentee voting and will require additional ballot processing time and additional staff; and

WHEREAS, Citizens and City employees who are able to safely participate in assisting the City in ensuring a smooth, safe, timely, and accurate election are needed to assist in the process. **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, That to facilitate the additional ballot processing time required to accurately and timely complete the 2020 General Election in the City of Detroit, the Wednesday, November 4, 2020 Internal Operations Committee and the Budget Committee of the Detroit City Council shall be cancelled. The meetings will reconvene at their regularly scheduled times the following week.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that in recognition of the 2020 General Election, the November 3, 2020 Formal Session of the Detroit City Council shall be cancelled. The meeting will reconvene at its regularly scheduled time the following week.