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TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director   
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DATE: February 16, 2023

RE: Re-establishment of the Detroit City Council Equitable Development Task Force

City Council Member Latisha Johnson has requested the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) to produce a resolution reestablishing the Equitable Development Task Force.

Attached is the requested resolution. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

## A RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING THE CITY COUNCIL EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

By Council Member Latisha Johnson

**WHEREAS** The city of Detroit continues to emerge from the pandemic, while at the same time, carrying on with its resurgence through new large and small scale projects and initiatives designed to spur redevelopment within the neighborhoods across the city; and

**WHEREAS** Urban living continues to become more desirable. Equitable development initiatives hold great promise as a form of planning and community development that can make minorities, and low and moderate income communities into places that provide economic opportunities, affordable living, and cultural expression for all residents; and

**WHEREAS** Low-income persons and minorities should have an opportunity to help shape projects, programs and policies that enable them to benefit from economic growth, social activities, and cultural life in their communities. By having a seat at the table and adopting these strategies and programs, it helps communities reduce local disparities in income and wealth, channel investments to generate both economic returns and community benefits, and perhaps most importantly, it enables community residents and leaders to participate meaningfully in decisions; and

**WHEREAS** There has been an ongoing need in urban areas for community development and urban planning aimed at revitalizing disinvested communities and ensuring that all residents can shape urban development and benefit from economic growth in an equitable fashion; and

**WHEREAS** The Detroit City Council recognizes the importance of pursuing inclusive and equitable development as the city broadens the landscape of development and social equity. And despite all the challenges faced by city leaders across the country, equitable development projects reveal an exciting potential for shaping living environments that benefit people of all backgrounds and conditions; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit City Council hereby reestablishes the Equitable Development Task Force to be chaired by Council Member Latisha Johnson, effective immediately and continuing through December 31, 2023. **BE IT FURTHER,**

**RESOLVED** The Equitable Development Task Force will continue to focus on addressing the needs of the underserved communities through policies and programs that reduce disparities, while fostering places that are healthy and vibrant. The task force may include residents, representatives from the community, labor, the business sector, as well as any other individuals interested in participating.