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District 2

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Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway Ordinance to Ban Cashless Businesses Passes Unanimously

Detroit, MI- In April 2023, Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway (District 2) proposed an ordinance to amend the Detroit City Code; *Sales*, by adding a ban on cashless retail and food service businesses. Today, Detroit City Council unanimously approved the ordinance.

“The purpose of this ordinance is to remove economic barriers for over a hundred thousand Detroiters who are unbanked or underbanked, providing them equal access to goods and services. This ban is really going to protect the rights of the least of us. The poor, the low-income, the senior citizens, the youth, the homeless, and people like me who still like to use cash,” **said Council Member Calloway.**

According to the latest University of Michigan Poverty Solutions study, over 18% of Detroit residents are unbanked. The ordinance gives all residents the ability and freedom to purchase goods and services without restriction in the city of Detroit.

Council Member Calloway and her staff express their gratitude to all City Council members, the Legislative Policy Division and the city’s Law Department who worked tirelessly to make the system work for all Detroiters. This ordinance is the first step in a larger struggle to engage all Detroit residents in the local economy fully. We should be proud of our city council members for supporting this ordinance.

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