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HONORABLE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

RE: A resolution requested by Council Member Coleman A. Young, II, directing LPD/CPC to undertake the research and development of zoning regulations for adult-use marijuana activities unique to the Central Business District and Eastern Market Core area as exceptions to the currently adopted zoning regulations.

During City Council's most recent deliberations over proposed zoning regulations for adult-use marijuana, Council Member Young expressed the desire to provide for certain adult-use marijuana uses with the Central Business District and the Eastern Market Core area, where they are precluded by application of the current regulatory scheme. Recognizing that a significant amount of research is necessary to properly craft such provisions Member Young withdrew his request on July 25, 2023, when the newly enacted marijuana zoning ordinance was approved.

Subsequent to Council's action, Member Young authored a memo requesting LPD/CPC to engage in the research and development of those regulations. He then authored a second memo calling for the preparation of a resolution directing LPD/CPC to conduct that work.

Attached hereto, is the resolution directing the requested work be undertaken.

Respectfully submitted,



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**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT OF ZONING PROVISIONS TO
PROACTIVELY PERMIT MARIJUANA BUSINESSES IN THE
CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AND
EASTERN MARKET CORE AREA**

BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____ :

WHEREAS, Chapter 50 of the Detroit City Code, Zoning, provides marijuana zoning provisions that are implemented uniformly citywide; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 50 of the Detroit City Code, Zoning, defines the boundary of the Central Business District (CBD); and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Market Framework Study Area provides the boundary of the Core Market area; and

WHEREAS, the currently adopted marijuana zoning provisions result in a near prohibition on limited license marijuana facilities/establishments located within the CBD and/or Core Market areas; and

WHEREAS, there is a desire among the City Council to understand and explore the creation of potential opportunities in the CBD and/or Core Market areas given the near prohibition and the unique nature of both areas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council supports the creation of opportunity for legacy Detroiters and equity partners in the marijuana industry and the exploration of marijuana zoning standards that provide exceptions to the citywide marijuana zoning provisions to encourage the establishment of a limited number of marijuana facilities within the CBD and the Eastern Market Core area, and directs the Legislative Policy Division/City Planning Commission to engage in such an effort to develop and present findings to the this Honorable Body,

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED That the City Council supports a robust community engagement process that informs the exploration and development of marijuana zoning provisions specific to the CBD and Easter Market Core areas.