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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director
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DATE: May 22, 2025

RE: **RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER AND
THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE ON THE ENACTMENT OF PUBLIC ACT 3 OF
2025 AND PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2025, CONCERNING PUBLIC OFFICERS.**

City Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway has requested the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) to produce a resolution congratulating Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature on the enactment of two laws, Public Act 3 of 2025, and Public Act 4 of 2025, concerning public officers.

A Resolution by Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway

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MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE ON THE ENACTMENT OF PUBLIC ACT 3 OF 2025 AND
PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2025, CONCERNING PUBLIC OFFICERS.**

- WHEREAS,** the Michigan Legislature has recently passed, and Governor Gretchen Whitmer has signed into law, Public Act 3 of 2025, and Public Act 4 of 2025, both of which pertain to enhancing standards, accountability and integrity among public officers throughout the State of Michigan; and
- WHEREAS,** these legislative measures represent a significant step forward in strengthening the ethical framework and operational transparency of public service, reinforcing public trust in government at all levels; and
- WHEREAS,** Public Act 3 of 2025, increases transparency in Michigan's government by requiring public officers to report the source of unearned incomes, including gifts, travel, and charity payments; specifically, the bill clarifies that public officers must disclose gifts that are required to be reported by lobbyists, and lobbying firms and
- WHEREAS,** Public Act 4 of 2025, supports free and fair elections by ensuring reporting requirements for candidates are clear, and cutting unnecessary red tape within our election system. The bill clarified the process for financial disclosure, ensuring the Secretary of State's office can properly submit the reports required to verify a candidate for office. Both Public Act 3 of 2025, and Public Act 4 of 2025 embody a bipartisan commitment to good governance, civic responsibility, and the values of fairness, accountability, and public stewardships; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Detroit, as Michigan's largest municipality, has a vested interest in the responsible and ethical conduct of public officers, and recognizes the positive impact of these reforms will have on local and state governmental operations, and
- WHEREAS,** Governor Gretchen Whitmer has demonstrated principled leadership and an unwavering dedication to public service by supporting and enacting these important reforms; and
- WHEREAS,** the Michigan Legislature is to be commended for its collaborative and forward-thinking work in crafting and advancing legislation that protects the public interest and upholds democratic values;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Detroit City Council hereby congratulates Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature on the successful enactment of Public Act 3 of 2025 and Public Act 4 of 2025; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Detroit City Council expresses its appreciation for their ongoing efforts to strengthen the integrity of public service and enhance the confidence of Michigan residents in their government.