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TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director  
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DATE: January 30, 2026

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.

**By Council Member Latisha Johnson**

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

**WHEREAS** The Equitable Development Task Force defines equitable development as the intentional practice of creating and implementing policies, projects, and programs to ensure that historically underserved communities are able to guide and benefit from the economic growth of a city; and

**WHEREAS** The practice of equitable development centers the needs of low-income residents, communities of color, and other underserved populations in the decision-making processes that transform the social, economic, and physical environment; and

**WHEREAS** It is the hope that more equitable participation in the development process will enable all community members to benefit from economic growth, social activities, and cultural life in their communities; and

**WHEREAS** By fostering inclusive and collective ownership structures and promoting local participation in the entire supply chain, equitable development seeks to dismantle systemic barriers and build sustainable communities that are healthy, safe, and responsive to the needs of the people who live there; 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, 2026. **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.