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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director  
Legislative Policy Division Staff 

DATE: March 23, 2026

RE: **AMENDED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MICHIGAN SENATE BILLS 559-561  
AND HOUSE BILLS 4311-4312**

Council Member Denzel Anton McCampbell has requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) provide a resolution in support of Michigan Senate Bills 559-561 and House Bills 4311-4312.

Please reach out to our office if you need any further assistance.

## COUNCIL MEMBER DENZEL ANTON MCCAMPBELL

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MICHIGAN SENATE BILLS 559-561 AND HOUSE BILLS 4311-4312

- WHEREAS** Senate Bills 559, 560, and 561 sponsored by Senator Jeremy Moss (D-Southfield), Senator Mike Webber (R-Rochester Hills), and Senator John Cherry (D-Flint) respectively and House Bills 4311 and 4312 sponsored by Representative Amos O’Neal (D-Saginaw) and Representative Mark Tisdell (R-Rochester Hills) respectively, would establish a “Revenue Sharing Trust Fund” in the Michigan Department of Treasury; and
- WHEREAS** Revenue sharing consists of both constitutional payments based on 15% of gross collections from the 4% sales tax on a per capita basis and statutory payments traditionally based on a formula designed to compensate for the variation in local governments’ service delivery needs and other factors; and
- WHEREAS** Michigan municipalities rely on the revenue earmarked by the state constitution and statute to help them provide core governmental services such as police protection, fire service, roads, water and sewer service, and garbage collection; and
- WHEREAS** In 1998, state policymakers amended the law to provide that statutory revenue sharing would be based on a center of sales tax collections, although the formula has not been fully funded annually since 2001 and changes in subsequent years, particularly in 2011, added criteria that excluded many municipalities from receiving revenue sharing funds and made 33% cuts to revenue sharing allocations; and
- WHEREAS** As a result, local governments have seen massive shortfalls in revenue sharing, with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) finding a total reduction of \$8.6 billion from 2001-2018<sup>1</sup> and the Michigan Township Association (MTA) finding that revenue sharing to local governments has been underfunded by more than \$10 billion since 2002;<sup>2</sup> and
- WHEREAS** The continual shortfalls in revenue sharing have caused municipalities across Michigan to postpone or forgo capital projects for necessary repairs and improvements along with other community services and recreation programs, and despite recent increases revenue sharing to municipalities is 51% lower than it was in 2002 according to the MTA; and
- WHEREAS** The proposed bills would secure all state shared revenue for local units of government by amending the Michigan Trust Fund Act and the General Sales Tax Act to establish a Revenue Sharing Trust Fund within the Department of Treasury where a portion of sales tax would be collected and stored; and
- WHEREAS** Establishing the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund would provide a secure and stable funding source for municipalities that would both improve their ability to plan and budget while also ensuring that they consistently receive the funding for the many necessary services that they provide; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.savemicity.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/SMC-RevenueSharing-4Pger-Final.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://michigantownships.org/revenue-sharing-trust-fund-would-provide-financial-stability-to-townships/>

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit City Council hereby strongly urges the Michigan legislature to pass Michigan Senate Bills 559, 560, and 561, and House Bills 4311 and 4312; **NOW, BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED** That the City Clerk provide a copy of this resolution to Mayor Sheffield, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the Detroit delegations of both the Michigan State House and Senate, Michigan Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, Michigan Senate Minority Leader Aric Nesbitt, Michigan Speaker of the House Matt Hall, Michigan House Minority Leader Ranjeev Puri, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the Michigan Townships Association, and the Michigan Municipal League.