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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director
Legislative Policy Division Staff 

DATE: February 26, 2026

RE: **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DETROIT CITY COUNCIL DISABILITY TASKFORCE**

Council Member Denzel Anton McCampbell requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) draft a resolution establishing the Detroit City Council Disability Task Force.

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

**BY DETROIT CITY COUNCIL MEMBER DENZEL ANTON McCAMPBELL
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DETROIT CITY COUNCIL DISABILITY TASKFORCE**

- WHEREAS** The mission of the Detroit City Council is to promote the economic, cultural and physical welfare of Detroit’s citizens through Charter-mandated legislative functions; and
- WHEREAS** The city of Detroit is changing, defining its comeback through various development projects and initiatives designed to spur redevelopment within the neighborhoods and across the city; and
- WHEREAS** Approximately 100,000 to over 120,000 residents in the City of Detroit have a disability, representing more than 15% of the population; and
- WHEREAS** The disabled population in Detroit faces numerous challenges including inadequate accessible housing, transportation barrier, and poverty, with a significant percentage of disabled Detroiters living below the poverty line; and
- WHEREAS** The city’s landscape has changed to include numerous large- and small-scale economic developments along with both private and public initiatives designed to incite not only energy but also to increase the population density within the neighborhoods across the city; and
- WHEREAS** The United Nations estimates that by 2050 the disabled community worldwide will reach 940 million people, or 15% of what will be roughly 6.25 billion total urban dwellers; lending an urgency for municipalities to address the needs of the disabled community in all facets of civic life; and
- WHEREAS** The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) (ADA), requires all state and local governments, which includes the City of Detroit, to make appropriate physical improvements and communication including the delivery of necessary aid and service, so that individuals with disabilities might fully participate in all aspects of civic life; and
- WHEREAS** Pursuant to the ADA, public entities must provide residents with physical and mental disabilities equal access to job training opportunities, transportation, housing, and public places and individuals with disabilities and their advocates should be directly involved with policymaking; **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**
- RESOLVED** The Detroit City Council continues to recognize the need of the Disability Task Force, which is a forum for those interested in advancing the need of the disabled community to meet and share information and ideas and it is imperative that the rights and needs of the disability community be fully recognized and integrated into our revitalized city; **BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED** The Detroit City Council hereby establishes the Disability Task Force effective immediately, continuing until December 31, 2026, to be chaired by Council Member Denzel Anton McCampbell. The Disability Task Force may include residents, representatives from the community, labor, the business sector, as well as any other individuals interested in participating.