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**HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL**

**RE: Keri-Yakei Morris vs City of Detroit  
Civil Action Case No: 17-013266 NO**

Representation and indemnification by the City of Detroit of the City employee(s) or officer(s) listed below is hereby **not recommended**. We agree with the recommendation of the Head of the Department, and believe that the City Council should find and determine that the suit against the Defendant(s) does not arise out of or involve the performance in good faith of the official duties of such Defendant(s). We, therefore, recommend a "NO" vote on the attached resolution.

In deference to past practices and in order to provide notification to the Defendant, I recommend that City Council hold a hearing for the police officer who stands to be denied representation and indemnification. A request for such a hearing is being made at this time.

Copies of the relevant documents are submitted under separate cover.

Employee(s) or Officer(s) requesting representation:

**P.O. Jennifer Lee Adams    Badge No: 1419**

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Baker, Supervising  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED:

BY:   
LAWRENCE T. GARCIA  
CORPORATION COUNSEL

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Attachments

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BY COUNCIL MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Setting  
Required Hearings  
Regarding Defense and Indemnification of  
Certain Members of the Detroit Police Department

- Whereas, Section 7.5-203, *Civil Litigation*, of the 2012 Detroit City Charter provides, in relevant part, that “[upon request, the Corporation Counsel may represent any officer or employee of the city in any action or proceeding involving official duties[;]” and,
- Whereas, Section 13-1 1-5, *Civil Service and Personnel Regulations*, of the 1984 Detroit City Code provides, in pertinent part, that “the city council shall consider and determine whether the corporation counsel shall represent the officer or employee in the matter and find and determine whether or not the claim, demand or suit arises out of or involves the performance in good faith of the official duties of such officer or employee [;]” and,
- Whereas, Arbitration awards issued by the Voluntary Labor Arbitration Tribunal recognize the past practice of City Council holding hearings for police officers who have been denied representation (*see* Grievance Nos. 79-237, 82-055, 90-047, and 92-200/92-202); **Now Therefore Be It**
- Resolved, That, pursuant to the above and MCL 15.268(a), closed sessions are to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of conducting hearings related to the following:
- Legal Representation and Indemnification in lawsuit of *Keri-Yakei v. City of Detroit, Civil Action Number 17-013266 NO for Jennifer Lee Adams; and Be It Further*
- Resolved That the hearings are scheduled at \_\_\_\_\_; **and Be It Finally**
- Resolved That a copy of this resolution be timely provided to the Detroit Police Officers Association and the Corporation Counsel.