

Resolution honoring Community Leader and Entrepreneur Yvonne Cross

WHEREAS, Yvonne Cross is a native Detroiter with a strong commitment to family, neighbors, and community. She attended Detroit Public Schools and majored in engineering at Wayne State University after graduating from Northeastern High School. She is the founder and owner of Make It Happen Affordable Homes; and

WHEREAS, She has been married for 33 years and has three daughters and six grandchildren. Mrs. Cross and her family have lived in Russell Woods, Boston Edison, and Arden Park-East Boston. She has rehabilitated homes in each community, and, since 2008, she also has renovated eight single-family homes in Historic Russell Woods. Mrs. Cross was part of a team featured on the front page of *Crain's Detroit* for a magnificent renovation of a home in Boston Edison. She is currently developing two historical 18-unit apartment buildings with secure parking and an adjoining courtyard in Historic Russell Woods. A grassroots entrepreneur, her goal is to make Detroit a better city house-by-house and block by block; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cross supports the mission of the Board of Police Commissioners. She has been a leader or supporter of many projects that improve community safety, including the Neighborhood Patrol for Arden Park and Russell Woods. She served as president of Arden Park/East Boston Association for three years. She also is a member of Historic Russell Woods Association and a board member for C.A.R.E Community, which provides pre-and post-natal care for mothers and infants to combat infant mortality and other risks. During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Mrs. Cross distributed thousands of food baskets, masks, and hand sanitizers to seniors, children, and other vulnerable community members.

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the residents of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, salutes and sincerely thanks Yvonne Cross for her civic participation and contributions to improving public safety and the quality of life in our great City of Detroit.