

Resolution Honoring Attorney Sharon McPhail

WHEREAS Attorney Sharon McPhail has been impacting the City of Detroit in various ways. From a legal standpoint, she has been pivotal in implementing several programs. Attorney McPhail developed Community Law Day, which brings lawyers to churches after Sunday services to offer free legal advice. Additionally, she provided pro bono representation of indigent people in the City of Detroit in a variety of cases and to NAACP-Detroit Branch. She also created a prison program where lawyers help prisoners at local prisons and a program to provide federal clerkships for black law students; and

WHEREAS Besides serving in a legal capacity, Ms. McPhail has made tremendous impacts from an educational standpoint. She created pharmacy tech and management training centers for Detroiters, construction and transportation centers and wrote and sponsored the first in Michigan Detroit Children's Fund, which provided Detroit children with free college education. Additionally, she created training centers to train Detroiters to be bus and truck drivers. During her tenure as CAO of Brightmoor School from 2012-2018, she played a pivotal role in taking it from failing to second highest student achievement in the state of Michigan and achieving a 99% graduation rate for each year. Ms. McPhail also created a free LPN training center for Detroiters, providing stipend, coaching, transportation and free childcare to participants; and

WHEREAS When it comes to helping Detroiters gain employment, Ms. McPhail has had a tremendous impact in this area as well. She led the first effort to require local corporations to hire Detroiters and this effort led to the hiring of the first African American Vice President at General Motors. Additionally, she created Returning Citizen Program for expungement and changed City HR policies to allow non-violent returning citizens to apply for City work and in-sourced hundreds of jobs that were previously privatized by former administrations and hired Detroiters. She removed non-performing contractors from Detroit Workforce Development Department vendors list that opened up opportunities for Detroiters to be employed and co-sponsored summer jobs program for Detroit youth; and

WHEREAS Ms. McPhail developed and implemented the first program to provide \$8 prescriptions and reduce the cost of medications for Detroiters. She created an auto insurance program and held sessions throughout the City to help Detroiters get lower insurance rates. Additionally, she has helped citizens and churches save their property from foreclosure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit, recognizes and honors the lifelong contributions and commitment to excellence in public service of Attorney Sharon McPhail. Her display of unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit.

We thank and congratulate you.