

Resolution Honoring Police Commissioner Tamara Liberty Smith

Whereas, Tamara Liberty Smith has been a well-known community volunteer, activist, resource for crime victims, social media influencer, and anti-crime warrior for decades. A mother of six, she built credibility and trust as she tirelessly knocked on doors, organized and attended rallies and marches, and worked in partnership with residents and the police, always listening to and helping others. Her heart-felt mission led her to find stolen cars, runaways, and missing people, including homicide victims; and

Whereas, When a vacancy arose for the District 1 Police Commissioner in July 2023, Mayor Mike Duggan appointed, and the City Council confirmed her to finish the four-year term. Since joining the Board in October 2023, Commissioner Smith has worked steadily in fulfilling her pledge to the community: that she would show fairness in addressing police misconduct while supporting the Police Department to protect neighborhoods and ensure a thriving city; and

Whereas, Police Commissioner Smith served diligently on Citizen Complaints, Personnel and Training, Budget, Ad Hoc Towing and other committees. She also helped lead the Board as Vice Chair. No matter how much her duties and obligations grew, she kept shining a spotlight on missing and exploited children and standing beside mothers seeking justice. In January 2025, the Detroit City Council honored Vice Chair Smith and presented her with a special resolution for her tireless and effective efforts for victims, including Na'Ziyah Harris; and

Whereas, Her longtime personal purpose recently aligned with new efforts by the City to address gun violence through intervention programs such as ShotStoppers and CeaseFire. In October 2025, she became the program manager for CeaseFire Detroit, where she will do what she always has: roll up her sleeves, get in the trenches, inspire others, and make the city safer, stronger, and more united. As she completes her term representing District 1 residents, she will continue to serve the City and all residents. Therefore, be it,

Resolved, The Board of Police Commissions awards this resolution in recognition of dedicated and diligent service by Police Commissioner Tamara Liberty Smith, whose dedication and community to civilian oversight, the City of Detroit, and residents merit our highest regards.

We salute you Commissioner Smith for a job well done and wish you continued success in the future.