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Planning and Economic Development Committee
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To the members of the Planning and Economic Development Committee:

Greater Grace Temple and our Congregation are writing this letter in support of the request of Olympia Predevelopment, LLC for establishment of a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone at 2205 Cass Avenue and 2250 Woodward Avenue, as well as the establishment of a Commercial Rehabilitation District at 2200 Woodward Avenue, 2250 Woodward Avenue, 2211 Woodward Avenue, 2300 Woodward Avenue, 2305 Woodward Avenue, 2210 Park Avenue, 2205 Cass Avenue, 2115 Cass Avenue, and 2300 Cass Avenue.

In addition to the 18,000 jobs which will be created, 6,000 of which will be permanent, the transformation of the Detroit landscape through new hotel rooms, affordable housing options, the creation of new green spaces, and the growth of our city's general fund will be a boon for not just the Central Business District but the City of Detroit in its entirety.

I believe that all Detroiters will reap the benefits of these proposed developments through the expanded opportunities around higher education, job creation, increased opportunities for small business support and creation, and job training with the Skilled Trades Unions.

We strongly urge you to vote yes in support of the District Detroit CBO agreement as well as for establishment of Neighborhood Enterprise Zones and Commercial Rehabilitation Districts.

Respectfully

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