MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director, Legislative Policy Division
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: November 6, 2023
RE: Request for Resolution in Support of Detroit Strikers Bill of Rights

Please prepare a resolution in support of the Detroit Strikers Bill of Rights, prepared by the casino workers that are currently on strike. Their suggested Bill of Rights is copied below.

The people of Detroit, and their elected representatives on City Council, do hereby declare that all strikers and protestors shall have the following rights:

• The right to stay warm.
As it gets colder, we should have the right to safe sources of warmth that are not confiscated or ticketed.

• The right to breathe.
We should not have to breathe exhaust from idling cars, which should be prohibited within 50' of a public right of way.

• The right to move safely.
Barriers should not be placed on public sidewalks that force pedestrians into the streets or prevent passage on public rights-of-way.

• The right to be heard.
Supporters should be allowed to honk to support the protest, and the noise ordinance that prohibits "loud, boisterous" "shouting or whistling" (36-1-1) should be repealed.

We hereby affirm these rights and call for steps to be made to enshrine these rights into local law.
If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Yvonne Ragland from my office at yvonne.ragland@detroitmi.gov.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
    City Clerk