



Enter a Learner: Exit a Leader.

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Detroit City Council
2 Woodward Ave., #1340
Detroit, Michigan 48226

RE: Future of Health Development

To Whom It May Concern:

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I'm writing to express my support for the Future of Health development being proposed by three long-standing community partners that include Henry Ford Health, the Detroit Pistons and yes, Michigan State University (even though my heart remains with the maze and blue of Michigan). It's a great opportunity for Detroit, a city I grew up in and continue to call home.

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As someone who had the privilege of taking on the responsibility of being a caregiver for my grandmother and mother, I see this as critical a moment for Detroit to secure and ensure state-of-the-art hospital and emergency health care along with important medical research that will address chronic medical issues and diseases that affect our population. Residents of our city deserve these significant resources and should not need to travel outside Detroit to receive this type of care.

This development adds investment beyond downtown, increases safety for the community and expands available units of affordable housing, creates jobs and will bring new life to the New Center area.

JRLA Principal
Wendie Lewis

Thank you for your time and reviewing this letter. As you know, I received my opportunity through the game of basketball and know what great partners Tom Gores and the Detroit Pistons have been in supporting our community and so many of my students at the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy.

Please consider supporting this initiative with a resounding yes vote. It could be the opportunity for someone like me to get their shot. Whether if it's through medical research, housing, scholarship funding or community micro grants, this is a chance. Let's not prevent that. As our city motor states, "We hope for better things; it shall rise from the ashes."

Sincerely,
Jalen Rose

Founder, Jalen Rose Leadership Academy