

City of Detroit

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FROM: Janese Chapman, Director
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DATE: March 19, 2024

SUBJECT: Candidates for Consideration for the Historic Designation Advisory Board (for three-year terms from 2024-2027)

The Historic Designation Advisory Board (HDAB) currently has one (1) opening to fill a board member seat and one seat to reappoint. Respectfully, we are requesting your consideration to interview the attached three (3) candidates for appointment to HDAB as soon as possible. These candidates meet the Certified Local Government (CLG) professional criteria to serve and are as follows:

- 1) Kefentse Chike
- 2) Eric Hergenreder
- 3) Melinda-Mo'Nae Rawls

Attached, you will find a summary of the candidates and copies of their resumes for your review.

In addition to the open board seat, in February 2024, HDAB member Dr. Carolyn Carter's term expired. Please find attached her resume and signed "expiration of term" form expressing her desire to be considered for another three-year term on the Historic Designation Advisory Board.

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Attachments

March 2024

Candidates for consideration to fill one vacant HDAB position

The following candidates have been interviewed by HDAB staff based on their expressed interest to serve as a member of the Historic Designation Advisory Board. There is currently one open seat, vacated by Nubia Wardford Polk.

The candidates are the following:

Kefentse Chike

Assistant Professor, Department of African American Studies, Wayne State University

<https://clasprofiles.wayne.edu/profile/aj0930>

Residency: 20474 Hanna Street, Detroit, MI 48203 (District 3)

Eric Hergenreder

Founder, Researcher, Content Creator *EHerg* and *MIRoadtrip* websites. Staff writer *Pack Hacker* website.

<https://www.eherg.com/detroit>

Residency: 4157 Iroquois Street, Detroit, MI 48214 (District 5 – will be District 4 in 2025)

Melinda-Mo'Nae Rawls

Community activist; D.J. “Destined for Greatness” Radio Show – WHPR; Receptionist Omni Continuing Care

<https://www.facebook.com/DestinedForGreatnessRadioShow/>

Residency: 15520 Greystone Street, Detroit, MI 48223 (District 1)

Dr. Carolyn Carter has requested consideration for renewal of a three-year term

Dr. Carolyn Carter

Researcher, Archivist, Historian, Genealogist

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/carolyn-carter-ed-d-a67799279>

Residency: 2292 Longfellow Ave., Detroit, MI 48206 (District 5)