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DISTRICT 1

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kevin Johnson, President and CEO, Detroit Economic Growth Corporation

THRU: Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

FROM: Council President Pro Tempore James E. Tate Jr.

DATE: Friday, May 17, 2024

RE: Motor City Restore – Contractor Concerns

J's Café, located at 20853 Grand River Avenue, was a Motor City Restore (MCR) recipient and received contractual services from Mondo Live Create Renovate. Because of an unsatisfactory job where the contractor did not return the payment for the unsatisfactory façade improvement, The owner of J's Café, Ms. Thomas, is in litigation with Mondo Live Create Renovate.

Please explain if this contractor has serviced other MCR recipients in the last five years. Additionally, if applicable, please explain if DEGC would be responsible for assisting with Mrs. Thomas' legal fees if Mondo Live Create Renovate was a referred contractor.

Please contact my Policy Analyst, Jai Singletary, at jai.singletary@detroitmi.gov if there are any questions.

Thank you,

CC: Honorable Colleagues

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