



City of Detroit  
Detroit City Council  
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway  
District 2

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TO: Director David Whitaker, LPD  
THROUGH: Council President Mary Sheffield  
FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway *AWC*  
DATE: June 19, 2024  
RE: Request for a resolution

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REQUEST FOR A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
SB 818 - 827

Please provide a resolution in support of SB 818 – 827 now before the Michigan Legislature.

- The proposed legislation will require the State of Michigan through its Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and its Department of Civil Rights (DCR) to collect data and examine maternal health care procedures and patient outcomes and report ways to combat existing issues in the health care system where there are discrepancies on the basis of race and ethnicity.
- State of Michigan data from 2015 to 2019 reflects that Black women were nearly three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes.
- Data shows that 60% of the state's maternal deaths were preventable.
- The proposed legislation is sponsored by several Michigan senators including Sen. Erika Geiss, District 1; Sen. Sarah Anthony, District 21; Sen. Sylvia A. Santana, District 2; Sen. Stephanie Chang, District 3; Sen. Mary Cavanagh, District 6 and Sen. Mallory McMorrow, District 8. More details concerning the proposed legislation can be obtained through these offices.
- Many Detroit residents do not have equal access to healthy food, proper information, and health care teams of their choice and it is important that the Detroit City Council support our residents by showing support of this important legislation.

Please contact Peter Rhoades, Policy Analyst at [peter.rhoades@detroitmi.gov](mailto:peter.rhoades@detroitmi.gov) for further information concerning this request.