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Honorable Detroit City Council  
Colemans A. Young Municipal Center  
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**Re: Resolution to Create and Fund the Solar Equity Fund**

Honorable Detroit City Council Members:

The Administration is respectfully requesting approval of the attached Resolution to Create and Fund the Solar Equity Fund.

The Solar Equity Fund would complement the Resolution of Necessity and development agreements recently presented to Council for purpose of implementing Phase 1 of the Solar Neighborhood Project.

Since June 2023, when Mayor Duggan announced the city was seeking neighborhood groups who wanted to address blight in their communities by constructing solar fields in the most blighted areas, the process has narrowed to 8 finalists with overwhelming community support. From those 8 finalists, the Phase 1 of the project with the first 3 neighborhoods will start the process of land acquisition, neighborhood community benefits, and solar field installation.

Of the remaining neighborhoods, 3 will be selected for the second phase of the project. Until that selection the Solar Equity Fund will address the 31 owners who live in homes in the project sites in these remaining neighborhoods by providing them with the opportunity to sell their homes to the City and avoid the uncertain future of when the Solar Neighborhood Project will start in their neighborhood.

It is estimated that \$4.4 million will be needed to fund the purposes of the Solar Equity Fund, which will be paid from reserves in the Utility Conversion Fund. The Utility Conversion Fund is being designated upon adoption of the Resolution of Necessity related to Phase 1 of the project.

Best regards,

Jay B. Rising

Chief Financial Officer

Attn: Resolution to Create and Fund the Solar Equity Fund

Cc: Trisha Stein, Chief Strategy Officer  
Steve Watson, Deputy CFO, Budget Director  
Malik Washington, City Council Liaison