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COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 6

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Colleagues

THRU: Council Member Mary Sheffield, Council President

FROM: Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero

DATE: September 27, 2024

RE: Resolution in Support of Low-Emission Vehicles to Enhance Paratransit Services

Councilmember Santiago-Romero submits the below resolution in support of purchasing lowemission wheelchair-accessible vehicles to enhance paratransit services.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Cc: Honorable Detroit City Council Louise Jones, City Clerk's Office

Malik Washington, City Council Liaison

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PURCHASING LOW-EMISSION WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES TO ENHANCE PARATRANSIT SERVICES

BY DETROIT CITY COUNCIL MEMBER GABRIELA SANTIAGO-ROMERO

WHEREAS The City of Detroit is committed to providing accessible and sustainable transportation options for all residents, particularly those with disabilities;

WHEREAS The City of Detroit commits to investing in low-emission, wheelchair-accessible vehicles, which will not only improve mobility for individuals relying on paratransit services but also contribute to the City's goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality;

WHEREAS The City of Detroit recognizes that Paratransit Services are vital in ensuring individuals with disabilities have equal access to transportation, promoting independence and inclusion within the community;

WHEREAS The purchase of new low-emission buses is supported by available funding opportunities and grants that promote sustainable public transportation. NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit City Council supports the purchase of low-emission, wheelchair-accessible vehicles for Paratransit Services, ensuring compliance with all applicable regulations and standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor and all members of the Detroit Caucus of the Michigan Legislature.