



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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September 17, 2024

The Honorable Detroit City Council  
**ATTN: CITY CLERK OFFICE**  
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
2 Woodward Ave., Ste. 200  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Re: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO TRANSFER  
FIREARM TO MRS. TRICIA PATTI, WIDOW OF LATE-DPD OFFICER  
MICHAEL PATTI**

Dear Council:

I am respectfully requesting approval of the attached resolution, authorizing me to transfer DPD Firearm No. DPD0036 / Serial Number NER7950 to Mrs. Tricia Patti, widow of late-DPD Officer Michael Patti, who died active on February 1, 2024.

The Master Agreement between the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Officers Association provides that—

All Employees shall be provided at no charge with their department-issued service weapon upon full-service retirement. An Employee will have no more than thirty (30) days after separation to make such request to the Chief of Police. The Department may refuse to give Employees their weapon for good cause shown. Good cause will be established where an Employee has pending criminal charges or has been convicted of a crime, is subject to departmental investigations, or psychological restrictions. Employees who are involuntarily discharged will not receive a service weapon.

Prior to his death, Corporal Patti had not filed for retirement, nor had he requested his weapon from the Department. Accordingly, there is uncertainty as to whether the Department may transfer Corporal Patti's weapon consistent with Sec. 4-112 of the 2012 Charter of the City of Detroit. Out of abundance of caution and for the avoidance of doubt, I respectfully requesting that the attached resolution be approved.



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If approved, the Department will ensure Corporal Patti's firearm is transferred in accordance with any legally required procedures governing the transfer of firearms

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Commander Michael Parish, Office of the Chief of Police, at (313) 596-1803, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. or by email at [parishm796@detroitmi.gov](mailto:parishm796@detroitmi.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James E. White", written over the typed name and title.

**JAMES E. WHITE**  
Chief of Police

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