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Detroit City Council  
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Re: Ordinance to replicate the Crown Act in Chapter 23 of the 2019 City Code

Honorable City Council:

Council President Mary Sheffield has requested that the Law Department prepare an ordinance to amend Chapter 23 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Human Rights*, Article I, *Generally*, by amending Section 23-1-2, *Definitions*, to define “race” as inclusive of traits historically associated with race. A copy of the ordinance which has been approved as to form is attached for your review and consideration. This ordinance was originally e-filed in September 2023 and has been re-filed at the request of Council President’s office. However, there are no changes to the originally filed document.

We are available to answer any questions that you may have concerning this proposed ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Enclosure*

cc: Gail Fulton, City Council Liaison