

Resolution Authorizing the Continuation of the Detroit City Council Senior Task Force

By Council Member Scott Benson

WHEREAS, The Senior population of Detroit represents some of the greatest Detroiters, who have helped build and shape this City over the years; the City has the moral obligation to take care of those who have taken care of us; and the Detroit City Council has the authority and imperative to make life better for Senior Citizens in Detroit; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit City Council Senior Task Force is made up of residents within the city of Detroit that work toward building safe and friendly communities for seniors, allowing them to remain in their community for longer periods of time while living happy and healthy lives through engagement in social and educational activities as well as providing vital resources for healthy living; and

WHEREAS, Senior Citizens deserve to have a focus on relevant issues beyond the scope of established City Council committees; and the makeup of the Senior Task Force is from citizens from different sections of the city. All the programming and functions are open to seniors from across the city; Now Therefore Be It

WHEREAS, The Senior Task Force has expanded to provide workshops for financial literacy, mental health, and breast cancer prevention, as well as establishing a program to provide ramps for homebound seniors, sponsors social outings such as “Movie Day”, “Bingo with Benson” and “Senior Zoo Day”; and **RESOLVED**, That the Detroit City Council will hereby continue the Senior Task Force effective immediately and continuing through December 31, 2025; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That Councilmember Benson and Councilmember Mary Waters jointly serve as Co-Chairs of the task force;

and **FINALLY RESOLVED**, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Mayor Mike Duggan, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and all interested public media, civil society, educational and civil groups, and individuals.