

# City of Detroit

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### MEMO

**To:** David Whitaker, Director

**From:** Lisa DiChiera, Deputy Director, HDAB

**Date:** January 21, 2025

RE: Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway 1/09/2025 Memo to Council Member Coleman A. Young II – THROUGH Council President Mary Sheffield – Requesting Historic Designation Eligibility for the Renaissance Center

On January..., HDAB received from LPD Council Member Calloway's 1/09/2025 Memo requesting a report on whether the Renaissance Center is eligible for Historic Designation with the City of Detroit.

HDAB staff has determined that the Renaissance Center is eligible for Historic Designation with the City of Detroit based on the following Criteria:

- **HDAB Criteria Number One (National Register Criteria A):** Sites, buildings, structures or archaeological sites where cultural, social, spiritual, economic, political, or architectural history of the community, city, state or nation is particularly reflected or exemplified.

- **HDAB Criteria Number Two (National Register Criterion B):** Sites, buildings, structures, or archaeological sites which are identified with historic personages or with important events in the community, city, state, or national history.
- **National Register Criteria Consideration G:** Properties that have achieved significance within the past 50 years and the extraordinary importance of the nature, role, and impact of that building type within the context of historical development.

HDAB staff's determinations of eligibility for properties are guided by the criteria for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. *Section 21-2-31 (f) - Establishment of historic districts.*

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