BY COUNCIL MEMBER LATISHA JOHNSON AND COUNCIL MEMBER GABRIELA SANTIAGO-ROMERO

RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING THE CITY COUNCIL EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, As the City of Detroit continues to undergo a period of economic resurgence marked by small- and large-scale development projects, there is a legitimate concern that economic opportunities, access to affordable housing, and the distribution of cultural amenities could become unevenly distributed, further marginalizing low-income residents and minority communities; and

WHEREAS, The Equitable Development Task Force is designed to curate and oversee comprehensive studies and formulate recommendations to develop policies and programs with the primary objective of understanding the unique needs of underserved communities and bridging the current gaps in opportunities and resources for low-income residents and minority communities in Detroit; and

WHEREAS, The Equitable Development Task Force defines equitable development as the intentional practice of creating and implementing policies, projects, and programs to ensure that historically underserved communities are able to guide and benefit from the economic growth of a city. This practice centers the needs of low-income residents, communities of color, and other underserved populations in decision-making processes that transform the social, economic, and physical environment. This practice prioritizes the development of truly affordable housing, the creation of living wage jobs, and the equitable distribution of economic benefits throughout the community. By fostering inclusive and collective ownership structures and promoting local participation in the entire supply chain, equitable development seeks to dismantle systemic barriers and build sustainable communities that are healthy, safe, and responsive to the needs of the people who live there.

WHEREAS, The Detroit City Council recognizes the importance of pursuing inclusive and equitable development as the city broadens the landscape of development and social equity. Despite the challenges faced by city leaders across the country, equitable development projects reveal an exciting potential for shaping living environments that benefit people of all backgrounds and conditions; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council hereby reestablishes the Equitable Development Task Force to be co-chaired by Council Member Latisha Johnson and Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero, effective immediately and continuing through December 31, 2025. **NOW, BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, The Equitable Development Task Force will continue to focus on addressing the needs of underserved Detroit communities through policies and programs that reduce disparities and foster places that are rooted in inclusive growth. The task force may include residents, representatives from the community, labor, the business sector, as well as any other individuals interested in participating.