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**MARY SHEFFIELD**  
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
DISTRICT 5

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** David Whitaker, Director, Legislative Policy Division  
**FROM:** Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council  
**DATE:** January 23, 2025  
**RE:** Request for Resolution to Create Retiree Fast Track Program

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Detroit's retirees are the backbone of our city. They have made lifelong sacrifices to keep Detroit strong, and now it is our turn to support them. I am requesting The Legislative Policy Division draft a resolution creating a Retiree Fast Track Program to provide our retirees in the General Retirement System (GRS) and Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS) with an accelerated path to existing city programs for consideration by the administration.

This program, modeled after the Affected Homeowners Benefits Program, would give retirees priority access to opportunities like downpayment assistance, home repair grants, Motor City Match grants, and more.

I am happy to work closely with you throughout the drafting of this. If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Ragland from my office at [yvonne.ragland@detroitmi.gov](mailto:yvonne.ragland@detroitmi.gov).

Cc: Honorable Colleagues  
City Clerk