



City of Detroit Detroit City Council

FROM THE DESK OF
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RESOLUTION CONTINUING SKILLED TRADES TASKFORCE

WHEREAS, the need for skilled trades has remained strong even during the economic fallout of the pandemic with many trades deemed essential to society and experiencing surges in demand; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, there were more than half a million jobs available across the skilled trades industry. Within a decade, that number is expected to rise upwards of two million. According to the National Electrical Contractors Association, 7,000 electricians join annually while 10,000 electricians retire each year, creating growing demand and workforce shortages; and

WHEREAS, Detroit residents continue to suffer under record unemployment which can lead to foreclosure of their homes and even bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, many individuals in our community possess certification in the skilled trades and are in need of job opportunities in high paying construction and related fields; and

WHEREAS, other individuals, including our youth, are interested in the skilled trades as a future profession and are in need of mentoring and access to apprenticeship programs and quality employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, City Council has recognized the need for a Skilled Trades Task Force in the past due to a general lack of information provided to the public about the skilled trades and the continuing need to provide a forum for the many facets of the skilled trades community to meet and share information and ideas; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Detroit City Council hereby continues the Skilled Trades Task Force to be chaired by Councilmember Mary Waters, effective immediately and continuing through December 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force include residents, representatives from the community and business sector, union representatives, Michigan Works and Civil Rights and

Inclusion and Opportunity Department, as well as any other individuals interested in participating; and be it

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 working towards this goal.