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Dear Honorable Council:

It is with great pride that I submit for your consideration and approval my recommendation to appoint Todd Bettison as Chief of Police for the City of Detroit. As you know, Todd has served admirably as Interim Chief of Police since November.

With nearly three decades of law enforcement experience, Todd has shown himself to be a dedicated and effective leader committed to public safety, transparency, and fostering strong community relationships.

Todd's extensive tenure with the Detroit Police Department spans key leadership roles, including Inspector, Captain, Commander, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, and First Assistant Chief. Throughout his career, he has led proactive crime reduction initiatives while building and maintaining essential partnerships with community members, local agencies, and state and federal law enforcement.

As Deputy Mayor, Todd expanded his influence on public safety by championing a collaborative, multi-agency approach. One of his most recent accomplishments includes leading the city's Community Violence Intervention (CVI) efforts. Under his leadership, the initiative has driven a substantial reduction in violent crime, with decreases ranging from 37 to 83 percent in some of Detroit's most impacted neighborhoods in the most recent quarter.

Todd's deep understanding of Detroit's neighborhoods, his commitment to data-driven policing, and his trusted leadership make him the ideal candidate to lead the Detroit Police Department into the future. I respectfully urge City Council to approve his appointment, and I look forward to working together to create a safer, stronger Detroit.

Best,

Michael E. Duggan  
Mayor