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TO: The Honorable Mary Sheffield, Detroit City Council President

FROM: Detroit Reparations Task Force

DATE: 14 January 2024

RE: Letter to Council President Sheffield Requesting Extension

The Detroit Reparations Task Force has been arduously working to meet its mandate of providing recommendations to the Detroit City Council on meaningful and viable initiatives to provide Detroit City residents with reparations to redress harms resulting from discrimination and racism. Given the nature of this work and the need to be historically accurate, critically conscious and contemporarily relevant, we find it necessary to request an extension of the time necessary to complete our work. Specifically, we would like to request that we be given until June 2025 to present recommendations to be considered by this council.

We are requesting to present a summary of our work before the Detroit City Council on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at the City Council Formal Session. In addition to that summary, we will further explain what remains to be completed and the necessary input from Detroit residents needed to bring our work to fruition. As a point of clarity, we are only requesting a time extension and not requesting any additional funding at this time. If there is any additional information needed relative to this request prior to the presentation of our summary, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Humbly Submitted,

Detroit Reparations Task Force