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Detroit City Council Coleman A. Young Municipal Center 2 Woodward Avenue, 13th Floor Detroit, Michigan 48226 <u>VIA Email Only</u>

> RE: City of Detroit Office of Inspector General Notice of Interim Suspensions of Lucas Enterprises, Incorporated and Michael Lucas, and Any Companies in which They Have Ownership or Financial Interest OIG File No. 25-0002-INV

Honorable Members of Detroit City Council:

Pursuant to Section 17-5-360 of the City of Detroit Debarment Ordinance ("Debarment Ordinance"), the City of Detroit Office of Inspector General (OIG) is issuing interim suspensions to Lucas Enterprises, Incorporated (Lucas Enterprises) and Michael Lucas, effectively immediately. Based on the information presently before the OIG, we have determined that a debarred contractor, namely Jessica Lucas, is involved with or has a financial interest in Lucas Enterprises Inc. This is a violation of Section 17-5-363 of the Debarment Ordinance, which states when an individual is debarred, no company they own, are an officer for, or have a direct or indirect financial or beneficial interest in may do business with the City of Detroit as a contractor or subcontractor for the period of debarment.

Thus, as an agency mandated to ensure honesty and integrity in City government, including in government contracting, we find it is in the public interest to prohibit Lucas Enterprises and Michael Lucas from conducting any additional business with the City, pending the conclusion of the OIG's investigation.



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In accordance with Section 17-5-360(b) of the Debarment Ordinance, the interim suspension is for the lesser of an initial period of 90 calendar days or until the Inspector General makes a final determination with respect to debarment. Please note the interim suspensions also immediately terminate any pending bids or contracts Lucas Enterprises or Michael Lucas has with the City of Detroit. In addition, effective immediately, pursuant to Section 17-5-354(b) of the Debarment Ordinance, Lucas Enterprises, Michael Lucas and any other companies they own or have a financial interest in are precluded from serving as a "subcontractor or as a goods, services, or materials supplier for any contract" for the City of Detroit. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincere Regards,

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- CC: David Whitaker, Esq. Director Legislative Policy Division Detroit City Council
- Enclosures: Debarment Ordinance Notice to Lucas Enterprises, Incorporated and Michael Lucas