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Dear Honorable Council:

It is with great pride that I submit for your consideration and approval the appointment of Tanya Stoudemire as Chief Financial Officer for the City of Detroit.

With over 30 years of committed service in the Budget Office and OCFO, Tanya possesses an outstanding record of leadership, integrity, and achievement. Her extensive institutional knowledge and fiscal stewardship have been instrumental in Detroit's financial recovery and stability. As Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Budget Director, she spearheaded balanced, resilient budgets that established the groundwork for Detroit's emergence from bankruptcy, establishment of a robust Rainy Day Fund and Retiree Protection Fund, as well as its recent return to investment-grade credit status.

Tanya exhibited remarkable leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic by executing a cost-savings plan that preserved financial stability while ensuring essential city services remained uninterrupted. Her ability to collaborate effectively across city departments and with state and federal partners underscores her effectiveness as a leader and problem-solver.

Furthermore, Tanya has held significant roles, including her tenure as the head of the Income Tax Division and as a member of the Police and Fire Pension Board, where she championed initiatives that improved revenue collection and promoted accountability within the pension fund. She remains a vital force in managing Detroit's \$826.7 million allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act—representing the largest federal grant in the city's history.

Tanya's professionalism, experience, and unwavering commitment to the City of Detroit make her exceptionally well-qualified to serve as Chief Financial Officer. I respectfully urge city council to support her appointment and am confident she will continue to serve with excellence and integrity.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael E. Duggan'.

Michael E. Duggan
Mayor, City of Detroit