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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
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**RE: RESOLUTION CALLING FOR URGENT IMPROVEMENTS TO PATIENT
SAFETY AT DETROIT MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITALS**

City Council Member Latisha Johnson has requested the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) to produce a resolution calling for urgent improvements to patient safety standards and procedures at Detroit Medical Center's Detroit Receiving Hospital, Sinai-Grace Hospital, and Harper University Hospital.

- WHEREAS;** If a hospital does not participate in the Leapfrog hospital survey, Leapfrog will gather data from publicly available sources such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and hospitals who believe that the data is inaccurate have an opportunity to request corrections during the 3-week Safety Grade Review Period;⁶ and
- WHEREAS;** Although it is inevitable that any hospital will make mistakes, those mistakes can be fatal and therefore it is incumbent upon DMC to make every possible effort to discover the source of these mistakes and take immediate action to implement corrective measures; and
- WHEREAS;** It is essential that DMC hospitals provide high-quality care, as patients who need Emergency Medical Services are typically directed to DMC facilities and often do not have the ability or opportunity to choose where they receive care; and
- WHEREAS;** Detroit residents and others who receive care from DMC deserve to receive high-quality and compassionate care, and failing grades in patient safety are not acceptable particularly where Tenet reported profits of \$3.2 billion in 2024;⁷ **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT,**
- RESOLVED;** That the Detroit City Council strongly urges DMC to take immediate action to improve patient safety standards and practices at Detroit Receiving Hospital, Sinai-Grace Hospital, and Harper University Hospital; **NOW BE IT FINALLY**
- RESOLVED;** That the Detroit City Clerk provide a copy of this resolution to the Mayor, the Detroit Health Department, and the Executive Management Team for DMC Hospitals.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ <https://investor.tenethealth.com/press-releases/press-release-details/2025/Tenet-Reports-Strong-Fourth-Quarter-and-FY-2024-Results-Provides-2025-Financial-Outlook/default.aspx#:~:text=Net%20income%20available%20to%20the%20Company's%20common%20shareholders%20in%202024,associated%20with%20the%20hospital%20divestitures>.