

Testimonial Resolution

LAWRENCE GARCIA

Attorney at Law

WHEREAS

Lawrence Garcia began his career as an attorney in 1995. He earned a bachelor's degree from Duke University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan. From the beginning, Garcia has established himself as a courtroom advocate representing Michigan institutions, social service organizations, and service-oriented businesses; and

WHEREAS

Lawrence Garcia created Michigan's first Latino law firm in 2011. Garcia Law Group was established in Detroit, Michigan and located in the Fisher Building downtown. Throughout his career he has represented the City of Detroit, Detroit Public Schools, Wayne County, and the Detroit Police Department. He has also represented Detroit nonprofits with a focus on civil rights, immigration, and environmental issues. In 2005, Garcia assisted the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People challenge the redistricting of Michigan. He volunteered his firm to help Michigan United monitor polling locations for civil right compliance and preventing voter suppression during the 2016 presidential election; and

WHEREAS

Lawrence Garcia began serving the citizens as Corporation Counsel for the City of Detroit in 2018. Under his leadership, Garcia's team successfully worked on various projects including development of the new Stellantis plant, defending plans for the new Amazon distribution center, and protecting the results of Detroit's 2020 election; and

WHEREAS

Lawrence Garcia as Detroit's Chief Legal Officer made significant achievements with the Law Department. During his tenure, Garcia led a team of 120 individuals. Under his tenure, the Law Department increased the number of cases concluding in successful verdicts and decreased the average payout in common cases. The City's expungement program, Project Clean Slate, was accustomed to clearing a few records. With his direction they cleared the records of hundreds of Detroiters per year; and

WHEREAS

Lawrence Garcia has established himself as a courtroom advocate for residents and city issues. He has been on the forefront of ramifying complex litigations that represent the best interest of Detroiters; **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

RESOLVED

That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and the Detroit City Council recognizes Lawrence Garcia for his hard work and dedication to the citizens of Detroit. Your leadership in the courtroom goes unparalleled. May God continue to bless your endeavors.

Mary Sheffield  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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