January 23, 2019

Detroit City Council
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: Resolution Establishing the Midtown West Neighborhood Enterprise Zone in the area located at 931 Selden, 831 Selden, 960 Brainard, and 830 Brainard, Detroit, Michigan in accordance with Public Act 147 of 1992 on behalf of the Planning and Development Department. (Petition #588)

Honorable City Council:

Attached for your consideration please find a resolution and legal description which will establish the Midtown West Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) in accordance with Public Act 147 of 1992 ("the Act").

Your Honorable Body conducted a public hearing on this matter on February 7, 2019 as required by the Act. No impediments to the establishment of the NEZ were presented at the public hearing.

The developer proposes to rehabilitate the 1st floor of both buildings for retail and commercial uses and the upper floors will be converted to 1-bedroom, open, loft style apartments for rent.

We request your Honorable Body’s approval of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Rencher
Director

cc: S. Washington, Mayor’s Office
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WHEREAS, Michigan’s Public Act 147 of 1992, the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act ("the Act"), provides for the establishment of Neighborhood Enterprise Zones (NEZs), the exemption from ad valorem taxes, and the imposition of a specific property tax in lieu of ad valorem real property taxes within NEZs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit meets all the distress criteria set forth within the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Detroit City Council finds that designation of certain areas as NEZs is consistent with the adopted Master Plan, as amended, and will further the economic and physical development goals and objectives of the City by encouraging new housing starts and housing rehabilitation, thereby aiding in the preservation of existing neighborhoods and preventing further decay in others; and

WHEREAS, the Detroit City Council has found the establishment of the Midtown West NEZ to be consistent with the Detroit Master Plan of Policies and the neighborhood preservation and development goals of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Detroit City Council has adopted a statement of goals, objectives and policies relative to the maintenance, preservation, improvement, and development of housing for all persons regardless of income level living within proposed NEZs; and

WHEREAS, the Detroit City Council has enacted a housing inspection ordinance requiring that before the sale of a unit in a new or rehabilitated facility for which an NEZ Certificate is in effect, an inspection is to be made of the unit to determine compliance with Chapter 26 of the Code of the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that the designation of NEZs must be approved by a resolution adopted by the local governmental unit subsequent to a public hearing at which any taxpayer or resident, or representative of any taxing authority levying a property tax in the City of Detroit, was given the opportunity to address the requested establishment of an NEZ; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the issue of establishing the Midtown West NEZ was conducted before the Detroit City Council on February 7, 2019 with notice of the public hearing having been given to the general public and by certified mail to every taxing authority levying a property tax with the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, no impediments to the establishment of the Midtown West NEZ were cited; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, City Council legally established a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone in the area located at 931 Selden, 831 Selden, 960 Brainard, and 830 Brainard, on March 19, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the land area described in the attached legal description, and shown on the attached map, is hereby established as the Midtown West NEZ pursuant to Public Act 147 of 1992, the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act
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