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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: Janese Chapman, Director,  
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DATE: February 2, 2026

RE: Scheduling a Secondary Street Sign (SSS) discussion for the upcoming 2026 SSS  
Cycle

Per Chapter 43 of the Detroit City Code, a street may be assigned a secondary street sign that displays a different name than the official street name for the purpose of honorary recognition. The Historic Designation Advisory Board (HDAB) within Legislative Policy Division manages the Secondary Street Sign process on behalf of the City Council.

HDAB is respectfully requesting the Honorable Detroit City Council to discuss the SSS process and the upcoming 2026 Secondary Street Sign Cycle. HDAB Staff are concerned about the increasing number of SSS applications and would like to discuss amending the ordinance to reduce the annual number of applicants.