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TO: Honorable City Council
FROM: Janese Chapman, Director, HDAB
DATE: January 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Reappointment Candidates for Historic Designation Advisory Board (HDAB)

The attached is to be referred to the Internal Operations Standing Committee regarding three members of the Historic Designation Advisory Board (HDAB) who would like to be considered for reappointment of a new three-year term. The three HDAB members who wish to be reappointed have terms that expire in February, 2026.

Thank you.

cc: David Whitaker, Director, LPD

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Candidates for Board Member Reappointment Historic Designation Advisory Board (HDAB)

The following HDAB Board Members have expressed interest in serving an additional three-year term. Their current terms expire in February, 2026.

Oswaldo Rivera

Journalist, activist of Latino culture, adjunct professor of history at Wayne State Univ. and Univ. of Michigan; <https://wdet.org/2024/10/15/a-detroiters-dedication-to-latino-music-and-community/>; committee member of VOCES SW Detroit oral history project.

Residency: (District 7)

Sharon Sexton

Author and historian; Children's book *MLK Jr.'s Detroit Dream - Memoir of a Civil Rights Foot Soldier*, <https://www.bridgedetroit.com/childrens-book-teaches-youth-about-the-civil-rights-movement-in-detroit-one-detroit/> published 2025.

Residency: (District 5)

William Worden

Architectural historian, marine historian; served from 1977 to 2006 as Director of the Historic Designation Advisory Board; resident of Indian Village Historic District.
<https://www.facebook.com/mhsd.org/photos/this-makes-me-very-happy-well-done-bill-long-overdue-william-worden-named-histor/5788662057828572/>

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