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**DEPARTMENT PETITION REFERENCE COMMUNICATION**

*To: The Department or Commission Listed Below*

*From: Janice M Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk*

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Concerned Departments	City Clerk, City Council
Petitioner Contact	Erin Knott (Executive Director) Kerrin Kramer (Board Chair) Equality Michigan PO Box 19847 Kalamazoo, MI 49019 P: (248) 259-7422 <a href="mailto:kerrinkramer@gmail.com">kerrinkramer@gmail.com</a>

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April 9, 2026

Honorable City Council

RE: **Petition No.: 2026-063 – Equality Michigan**, a nonprofit organization, requests a resolution from your Honorable Body in support of a charitable gaming license.

The petitioner wishes to be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for purposes of obtaining a gaming license from the Bureau of State Lottery. Be advised that the organization meets the criteria for such recognition as established by the City Council on May 15, 2012.

Therefore, approval of this petition is recommended, and an appropriate resolution is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice M. Winfrey

JMW:KW

## RESOLUTION

By Council Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, Equality Michigan (19641 W. Seven Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48219) requests for recognition as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license from the State of Michigan, and

Whereas, the organization meets the criteria for such recognition as established by the City Council on May 15, 2012.

Therefore Be it Resolved, the Detroit City Council recognizes Equality Michigan (19641 W. Seven Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48219) as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license from the Bureau of State Lottery.



January 10, 2022

Detroit City Clerk's Office  
c/o Korey Wren  
City of Detroit, Suite 200  
2 Woodward Ave  
Detroit, MI 48226

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Equality Michigan, I am writing to request approval for a charitable gaming license to conduct a 50/50 raffle in connection with our annual fundraising event, Wear Your Truth. The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 215 West, 215 W Nine Mile Rd, Ferndale, MI 48220.

Equality Michigan is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to advancing equality and providing support services for LGBTQ+ individuals and families across Michigan. Funds raised through this raffle will directly support our programs, which include support services, community education, and initiatives that help LGBTQ+ Michiganders access safe and affirming resources throughout the state.

The 50/50 raffle will be conducted in accordance with all applicable charitable gaming regulations. Please let us know if any additional information or documentation is required as part of this request.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Erin Knott  
Executive Director



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In reply refer to: 4077308590  
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EQUALITY MICHIGAN  
LESBIAN GAY FOUNDATION OF MI  
19641 W 7 MILE RD  
DETROIT MI 48219-2721



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Employer ID Number: 38-2556668  
Form 990 required: Yes

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your request dated Dec. 28, 2017, regarding your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in January 1986, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

Our records also indicate you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If a return is required, you must file Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-N, or 990-PF by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. IRC Section 6033(j) provides that, if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked on the filing due date of the third required return or notice.

For tax forms, instructions, and publications, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 1-877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific Time).

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EQUALITY MICHIGAN  
LESBIAN GAY FOUNDATION OF MI  
19641 W 7 MILE RD  
DETROIT MI 48219-2721

Sincerely yours,

*Stephen A. Martin*

Stephen A. Martin  
Director, EO Rulings & Agreements

## QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

**THIS IS AN INFORMATION FORM ONLY, NOT A LICENSE APPLICATION.** Complete this form and submit with the required qualification documents listed on the attached Qualification Requirements sheet. A Bingo, Raffle, or Charity Game Ticket license application and fee may also be submitted with this information. See box #5 below for mailing instructions.

### 1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name <b>Equality Michigan</b>			Organization Telephone Number <b>(269) 910-6909</b>
Organization Physical Street Address <b>19641 W Seven Mile Rd</b>			
City <b>Detroit</b>	State <b>MI</b>	Zip Code <b>48219</b>	County <b>82 Wayne</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Organization Mailing Address <b>PO Box 19847</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Same as Physical Address
City <b>Kalamazoo</b>	State <b>MI</b>	Zip Code <b>49019</b>	County <b>39 Kalamazoo</b>
Organization Email Address <b>communications@equalitymi.org</b>			

### 2. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

Briefly describe the purpose of your organization.


**Equality Michigan (EQMI) provides education, victim services, and outreach that empowers LGBTQ+ neighbors throughout the state to live in safe communities, take care of our families, and create positive impact by improving our social, cultural, and economic lives and wellbeing.**

### 3. LICENSE APPLICATION

Enclosed is a completed application and fee for a  Bingo  Raffle  Charity Game Ticket license

For all license applications, visit our website at [www.michigan.gov/cg/qualify-and-apply](http://www.michigan.gov/cg/qualify-and-apply). Make checks payable to STATE OF MICHIGAN.

### 4. PRINCIPAL OFFICER INFORMATION

Principal Officer Name <b>Kerrin Kramer</b>			Title <b>Board Chair</b>
Mailing Address <b>3208 Grayson St</b>			City <b>Ferndale</b>
State <b>MI</b>	Zip Code <b>48220</b>	Telephone Number (Day) <b>(248) 259-7422</b>	Telephone Number (Evening) <b>(248) 259-7422</b>
Email Address <b>kerrinkramer@gmail.com</b>			
By signing below, I hereby certify that the representations, information, and data presented are true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that failure to answer truthfully, completely, and accurately could preclude the organization from receiving an approval to obtain a gaming license.			
Principal Officer Signature 			Date <b>3-26-26</b>

### 5. MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mail this completed Qualification Information form, the required qualification documentation listed on the Qualification Requirements sheet, and the completed license application and fee (if also applying for a gaming license) to Charitable Gaming Division, PO Box 30023, Lansing, MI 48909. If submitting by overnight carrier (FedEx, UPS, etc.), send to Charitable Gaming Division, 101 East Hillsdale, Lansing, MI 48933.





Charitable Gaming Division  
101 E. Hillside, Box 30023  
Lansing, Michigan 48909  
(517) 335-5780  
www.michigan.gov/cg

## SERVICE ORGANIZATION QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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If the organization has never submitted qualifying information as a service organization, the following information shall be submitted in the name of the organization prior to being approved to conduct a bingo, raffle, or charity game. A previously qualified organization may be required to submit updated qualification information to assure its continued eligibility under the act.

1. A signed and dated copy of the organization's current bylaws or constitution, including membership criteria.
2. A complete copy of the organization's Articles of Incorporation that have been filed with the Corporations and Securities Bureau, if the organization is incorporated.
3. A provision in the bylaws, constitution, or Articles of Incorporation that all assets, and real and personal property will revert to the local government or another nonprofit organization should the organization dissolve.
4. A copy of the letter from the IRS stating the organization is exempt from federal tax under IRS code 501(c) OR copies of one bank statement per year for the previous five years, excluding the current year.
5. A copy of the charter or a directory published by the state or national organization that lists the organization.
6. A copy of the state or national bylaws may need to be submitted. The state or national bylaws shall provide for all requirements pursuant to R432.21202(4).

Additional information may be requested after the initial documents submitted have been reviewed. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call our office at (517) 335-5780.

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Act 382 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, defines in part a service organization as "a branch, lodge, or chapter in this state of a national or state organization that is organized not for pecuniary profit and that is authorized by its written constitution, charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws to engage in a fraternal, civic, or service purpose in this state."



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 Box 30023, Lansing, MI 48909  
 OVERNIGHT DELIVERY:  
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 (517) 335-5780  
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**LOCAL GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES**  
 (Required by MCL 432.103a(i)(ii))

At a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_  
REGULAR OR SPECIAL TOWNSHIP, CITY, OR VILLAGE COUNCIL/BOARD

called to order by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. the following resolution was offered:  
TIME

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_

that the request from \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF ORGANIZATION CITY

county of \_\_\_\_\_, asking that they be recognized as a  
COUNTY NAME

nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable

gaming licenses, be considered for \_\_\_\_\_  
APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL

APPROVAL	DISAPPROVAL
Yeas: _____	Yeas: _____
Nays: _____	Nays: _____
Absent: _____	Absent: _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and  
 adopted by the \_\_\_\_\_ at a \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWNSHIP, CITY, OR VILLAGE COUNCIL/BOARD REGULAR OR SPECIAL  
 meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWNSHIP, CITY, OR VILLAGE CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

COMPLETION Required  
 PENALTY: Possible denial of application  
 BSL-CG-1153(R4/24)