

A RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING THE DETROIT CITY COUNCIL SKILLED TRADES TASK FORCE

Jointly by Council President Mary Sheffield, Council Member Mary Waters and Council Member Coleman A. Young, II

- WHEREAS** The need for skilled trades has remained strong even during the economic fallout of the pandemic with many trades deemed essential to society and experiencing surges in demand; and
- WHEREAS** In 2019, there were more than half a million jobs available across the skilled trades industry. Within a decade, that number is expected to rise upwards of two million. And according to the National Electrical Contractors Association, 7000 electricians join annually while 10,000 electricians retire each year creating growing demand and workforce shortages; and
- WHEREAS** Detroit residents continue to suffer under record unemployment which can lead to foreclosure of their homes and even bankruptcy; and
- WHEREAS** Many individuals in our community possess certification in the skilled trades and are in need of job opportunities in high paying construction and related fields; and
- WHEREAS** Other individuals, including our youth, are interested in the skilled trades as a future profession and are in need of mentoring and access to apprenticeship programs and quality employment opportunities; and
- WHEREAS** City Council has recognized the need for a Skilled Trades Task Force in the past due to a general lack of information provided to the public about the skilled trades, and the continuing need to provide a forum for the many facets of the skilled trades community to meet and share information and ideas; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED** That the Detroit City Council hereby reestablishes a Skilled Trades Task Force to be chaired jointly by Council President Mary Sheffield, Council Member Mary Waters and Council Member Coleman A. Young, II effective immediately and continuing through December 31, 2022, and **BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED** That the Task Force include residents, representatives from the community and business sector, union representatives, Michigan works and Civil Rights and Inclusion and Opportunity Department, as well as any other individuals interested in participating; and **BE IT FINALLY**
- RESOLVED** That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the named departments, agencies, and organizations indicated and that all activities necessary to bring about the first meeting of the Task Force occur.