

City of Detroit Detroit City Council

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Resolution Condemning the Inhumane Treatment of Black & Hispanic Employees at United Electrical Contractors

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WHEREAS United Electrical Contractors is a company that is engaged in projects within the City of Detroit, contracting with companies such as Christman; and

WHEREAS six former employees of United Electrical Contractors have come forward alleging that the company perpetuated a racist and bigoted culture towards its Black and Hispanic employees; and

WHEREAS the former employees, referred to as the 'United Six', witnessed first-hand the usage of racist language, including the 'N-Word' as well as preferential treatment for the White employees; and

WHEREAS when White allies stepped up to defend their co-workers and fight against this culture of discrimination, they faced retaliation; and

WHEREAS the City of Detroit has vowed to stand up against racism and discrimination and ensure the City is a welcoming place for all; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Detroit City Council calls forth the management of United Electrical Contractors and Christman to discuss the situation and how they are creating a welcoming environment for all employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Detroit City Council shall encourage businesses in the City of Detroit to not conduct business with United Electrical Contractors until they have proven that their company has effectively eliminated the racism and discrimination that the United six have witnessed.