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TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: March 22, 2023

RE: **RESOLUTION TO RESTORE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AS DETROIT LAND BANK NEIGHBORHOOD LOT ENDORSERS**

Council President Mary Sheffield requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) draft a RESOLUTION TO RESTORE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AS DETROIT LAND BANK NEIGHBORHOOD LOT ENDORSERS.

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARY SHEFFIELD

**RESOLUTION TO RESTORE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AS DETROIT LAND BANK
NEIGHBORHOOD LOT ENDORSERS**

WHEREAS, The mission of the Detroit City Council is to promote the economic, cultural and physical welfare of Detroit’s citizens and residents through Charter-mandated legislative functions; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, at the initial launch of the Detroit Land Bank Authority’s (DLBA) Neighborhood Side Lot Program, the members of Detroit City Council were eligible endorsers for DLBA Neighborhood Lot sales, pursuant to Article C. (6) of the DLBA Neighborhood Side Lot policy that states “The Purchaser of a Neighborhood Lot not adjacent to the applicant’s home or adjacent to a previously purchased Side Lot shall have the endorsement of at least one of the following: ...the local District-elected City Council Member or one of the At-Large City Council Members...;” and

WHEREAS, However, in the summer of 2021, the City Council and the DLBA came to an impasse, to the degree that Council was no longer included as an endorser of the program. Subsequently, the issues between Council and the DLBA have been resolved and the Council should now be restored to the status as an endorser of the lot program. Since there are no longer any impediments for Council to be restored as an endorser, the City Council is now strongly urging that its status as an endorser be fully restored post haste; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council strongly urges that Tammie Daniels, the CEO of the Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA), take immediate steps to formally restore City Council’s standing as a certified endorser of DLBA Neighborhood Lot sales; **THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, Copies of this resolution shall be provided to Mayor Mike Duggan, Tammie Daniels, the CEO of the Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA), as well as media and residents.