



City of Detroit ~ Detroit City Council  
**Coleman A. Young II**  
Councilman At Large #1

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**TO:** COUNCILMEMBER LATISHA JOHNSON, CHAIR INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMM.  
COUNCILMEMBER AT LARGE MARY WATERS, COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR  
COUNCILMEMBER ANGELA CALLOWAY, COMMITTEE MEMBER

**THRU:** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARY SHEFFIELD, EX-OFFICIO

**FROM:** COLEMAN A. YOUNG II, COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE #1

**DATE:** MARCH 14, 2023

**SUBJECT:** RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT FOR AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVES  
TO THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONS:

- CITY PLANNING COMMISSION - LAUREN HOOD
- DETROIT ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION - GWEN SCALES

Dear Chair Johnson and the Honorable Members of the Internal Operations Committee:

Please accept the following names as my request for appointment to the City Planning Commission and the Detroit Entertainment Commission. The synopsis of their attributes were submitted to me by Mr. Marcell Todd, Director of the City Planning Commission and Ms. Barclift, LPD Boards and Commissions. I thank them both for their gracious understanding of my delay, as well as the members of your honorable committee.

Lauren Hood has been a City Planning Commissioner since 2017, serving first as the District 5 representative and later to present as an at-large representative. She has also served as the Vice-Chair of the Commission and has been its Chair for the last two years. She has background in community development, engagement and advocacy, which she has cultivated, making her a nationally sought after consultant and speaker. Her approach and values have been a great match for the times in which the City finds itself.

Gwen Scales was appointed to the Entertainment Commission in 2014 and is completing her third term, which expires on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Gwen is one half of the famed local performers, Gwen and Chuck, who are known not only for their recordings and performances, but also as booking agents for several local acts. The Commission has benefitted from her knowledge, expertise and years of experience. She has served for the past four years as the Commission Chair.

Thank you for your consideration,  
  
Coleman A. Young II  
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cc: M. Todd, Director, City Planning Commission  
L. Barclift, LPD Boards and Commissions  
D. Whitaker, Director Legislative Policy Division  
A. Calvert, Chief of Staff for Councilman Young  
A. Jackson, Deputy Chief of Staff for CM Young