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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division Staff

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RE: RESOLUTION ON GUN FREE ZONES

Council Member Mary Waters requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) draft a RESOLUTION ON GUN FREE ZONES.

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

BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARY WATERS

**RESOLUTION URGING THE REPEAL OF THE
FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION ACT**

- WHEREAS,** Incidents of gun violence are increasing at an alarming rate in the City of Detroit, taking lives and sending shockwaves throughout the community; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Detroit and its surrounding areas represent Detroit’s face to the world, welcoming people from all over the city, state, country, and beyond; and
- WHEREAS,** Gun violence in the City of Detroit poses a threat to the health, welfare, and safety of residents and visitors to the City of Detroit; and
- WHEREAS,** The Detroit City Council commends the Michigan Legislature for recently passing a series of laws intended to eliminate gun violence, however, those laws did not address the statutory prohibition which prevents local governments from regulating guns to reduce violence within their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** The Firearms and Ammunition Act, Act 319 of 1990 prevents local governments from enacting ordinances that impose taxes or regulate “in any other manner the ownership, registration, purchase, sale, transfer, transportation, or possession of pistols, other firearms, or pneumatic guns, ammunition for pistols or other firearms, or components of pistols or other firearms, except as otherwise provided by federal law or a law of this state.”; and
- RESOLVED,** That the Detroit City Council strongly urges the Michigan Legislature to repeal Firearms and Ammunition Act, Public Act 319 of 1990; **AND BE IT FINALLY**
- RESOLVED,** That the Detroit City Clerk is directed to send this resolution to the Detroit delegations of both the Michigan State House and Senate, in addition to Governor Gretchen Whitmer.