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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

RE: Delegation of City Council Special District Review and approval of building permit applications during winter recess 2020 (**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**)

According to the City of Detroit Zoning Ordinance the Detroit City Council approves by resolution any work undertaken by permit on land zoned PC or PCA after receiving recommendation from the Planning and Development Department and the City Planning Commission. It has become the practice of Your Honorable to delegate this responsibility to the staff of the City Planning Commission during periods of recess when permit applications of this sort may be submitted and need to be addressed in a timely fashion. The Council's delegation of this responsibility allows work, compliant with the City Code, to advance during recess and/or when the Body is not conducting business in the context of Your regular meetings.

Attached for Your consideration You will find a resolution effectuating the delegation of Special District Review and corresponding action jointly to the Planning and Development Department and the City Planning Commission staff for Your Winter recess 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

A RESOLUTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____ :

WHEREAS, the Detroit Zoning Ordinance requires that any permit application submitted to the Building and Safety Engineering and Environmental Department related to the Exterior design, location and appearance of work within a the Public Center (PC) District and the Public Center Adjacent/Restricted Central Business ((PCA) District must be reviewed by the City Planning Commission (CPC) and the Planning and Development Department (P&DD); and

WHEREAS, consistent with Sec. 50-3-182 of the Zoning Ordinance, the City Council approves by resolution, any such permit application subsequent to receipt of a report and recommendation from the Planning and Development Department and the City Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Detroit City Council will be on recess November 25, 2020 through January 4, 2021, and the City Council's Committees will not resume meeting until that time; and

WHEREAS, time sensitive requests for work in these districts may be received by the City while the Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Detroit City Council to facilitate such requests and not unnecessarily delay the issuance of building permits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Detroit City Council authorizes the Planning and Development Department and the City Planning Commission staff to jointly conduct Special District Review, approve, approve with conditions or deny any requests/permit applications for land zoned PC or PCA submitted between November 24, 2020 and January 4, 2021 and to do so in consultation with other City agencies as may be appropriate.