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TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: August 11, 2022

RE: **TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE RETIREMENT OF
THE CITY'S CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER BOYSIE JACKSON**

Council President Mary Sheffield requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) draft a resolution in honor of Boysie Jackson, the City of Detroit's Chief Procurement Officer, upon his retirement.

Attached, please find our draft of the aforementioned resolution.

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

RESOLUTION BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARY SHEFFIELD

TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE RETIREMENT OF THE CITY'S CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER BOYSIE JACKSON

WHEREAS, After serving the City of Detroit with distinction as the City's Chief Procurement Officer since 2013, Boysie Jackson has retired; and

WHEREAS, Boysie Jackson earned his Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree with Honors from North Carolina Fayetteville State University. He also completed Graduate School Programs at University of Virginia and Carnegie Mellon University. Prior to working for the City of Detroit, Mr. Jackson's career included over 30 years at General Motors Corporation (GM), where he held numerous key Executive Leadership positions in GM's Global Purchasing & Supply Chain, and Engineering & Manufacturing Divisions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson skillfully led the Administration and City Council's procurement efforts through the dark days of the City of Detroit's bankruptcy, the largest municipal bankruptcy in US history, by assisting the City to emerge from bankruptcy. Mr. Jackson restructured the department once known as Purchasing from the bottom up, and formed the "Office of Contracting & Procurement;" and

WHEREAS, Also during his tenure, Mr. Jackson implemented new and innovative procurement ERP¹ systems, such as, Bid Sync, Novatus, DocuSign and Oracle Cloud, which modernized the department's operations, and ultimately led to a more efficient procurement process with Quicker Pay for vendors. Today, these systems also allow companies doing business with the City of Detroit to receive their payments electronically, versus waiting for the issuance of paper checks; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Jackson worked with the City Council to develop ordinances, such as the Detroit Supply Schedule Ordinance (a process of 5-year contracts with Detroit Small Businesses), in areas such as Ground Maintenance, Janitorial and Security Contracts, as well as the Green & Environmentally Friendly Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson has also worked tirelessly to improve opportunities for Detroit businesses through the sponsorship of annual outreach events, Minority Business Summits, and Access to Capital Forums, which ultimately led to increasing the number of Minority Owned, Women Owned and Detroit Based Businesses with contracts with the City. In addition, Mr. Jackson has received both City and State recognition for his outstanding work during the Pandemic, by providing the City of Detroit with PPE (COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment), test kits and vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, Given the void created by Mr. Jackson's retirement, the City of Detroit will find it truly difficult to ever replace the service of such a dynamic, dedicated, generous and gifted public servant; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council hereby salutes Mr. Boysie Jackson for his years of outstanding service, which has led to the betterment of the communities in Detroit. In addition, the Detroit City Council wishes Mr. Boysie Jackson a well-deserved restful, prosperous, and blissful retirement in whatever endeavor he now chooses. Mr. Jackson's legacy will long be remembered, and we unanimously say, thank you!

¹ Enterprise resource planning, also known as ERP, is a system that helps automate and manage business processes across finance, manufacturing, retail, supply chain, human resources, and operations.