

BY COUNCIL MEMBER SCOTT BENSON:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 469
FOR THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE
HISTORIC TAX CREDIT**

WHEREAS, Historic preservation tax incentives are used to promote the preservation and rehabilitation of these resources around the state. The Michigan State Historic Preservation Tax Credit, which expired in December 2011, formerly provided a direct economic benefit to the City of Detroit by facilitating significant investment in the rehabilitation of Detroit's historic building stock, enhancing the aesthetic character of our community and the quality of life of our residents; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, the State of Michigan repealed the Michigan Historic Preservation Tax Credit, an invaluable resource for owners of both commercial and residential historic properties. This credit was particularly useful in simulating the rehabilitation of real estate in Detroit's historic districts; and

WHEREAS, In the thirteen years the tax credit existed, between January 1999 and December 2011, approximately 200 projects were approved. Over this period, the \$42 million in state historic preservation credits helped leverage over \$122 million in federal credits for local developers. Commercial projects comprised the largest investment in historic properties; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 469 has been introduced, which if passed into law, will restore this important investment tool for both local homeowners and commercial property owners. Like the previous version of the historic preservation tax credit, property owners who undertake qualified rehabilitations of certain historic resources can apply for a credit against their state general income tax of 25 percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures. It also offers a supplemental five percent credit to the 20 percent federal historic preservation credit for income producing properties, and is the only credit available for owner-occupied historic homes. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council staunchly supports Senate Bill 469 which reestablishes a state historic preservation tax credit that will help incentivize homeowners, commercial property owners, and businesses to rehabilitate historic commercial and residential resources; **BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Senate Committee on Finance, the Michigan House Committee on Tax Policy and the Detroit Delegation in the Michigan Legislature.

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