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CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN

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May 18, 2023

Lansing City Council  
Carol Wood, President  
124 W. Michigan Ave, 10th Floor  
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear President Wood and Councilmembers:

I am writing to inform you that I have taken several executive actions regarding the budget passed by the City Council on Monday, May 15, 2023.

The City of Lansing Charter 4-101 asserts that the Mayor shall act as Chief Executive Officer of the City of Lansing. In addition, Charter 3-305 of the City of Lansing Charter provides the Mayor the ability to veto any ordinance or resolution passed by the City Council, and Charter 7-106 states that the Mayor may veto any item which has the effect of appropriating money contained in any action of the City Council. As listed in detail on the attached Notice of Veto, I hereby veto several of the Council-passed items to my proposed budget. Attached you will also find a spreadsheet showing the effect of these changes.

As noted, I have vetoed and suspended the items adopted by Council that reduced the Mayor's office personnel budget, which were the only personnel budget cuts passed by Council out of the twenty departmental budgets. While I strongly support funding for warming and cooling centers, I'm disappointed in the way this was passed. I have indicated repeatedly that I am willing to work with Councilmembers on this issue, and I am supportive of the language passed in the budget priorities authored by Councilmember Spitzley. I reached out to many members of Council about the budget; unfortunately, the Council-passed items unilaterally reduced only my office budget by \$270,000 to fund warming centers and for roads/sidewalk repairs.

As you know and I have said publicly, my administration has made requests to the state and federal governments for warming center dollars. I have worked closely with State Senator Sarah Anthony who has championed this effort and included \$800,000 for Lansing warming centers in the MDHHS budget, which has already passed the Michigan Senate. I have the utmost faith and confidence in Senator Anthony that she will bring this across the finish line. In addition, we have approximately \$300 million in needs for our roads in the City of Lansing. Cutting my office budget to add only \$59,000 each to the roads and sidewalks funds will have minimal impact on the roads and sidewalks in the city.

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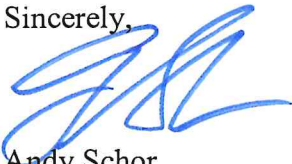
The Lansing City Charter empowers the Mayor to structure their executive office staff as they see fit. I have staff similar in number and function to previous Mayors going back to David Hollister. While I may use different titles (i.e. Deputy Mayor, Community Relations and Faith Based Initiatives Manager, Citizen Advocate, etc), the work of the staff remains the same and necessary for the citizens of Lansing. Removing positions from my budget negatively affects the services that the people of the City of Lansing expect when they contact my office. My staff work hard for the City of Lansing. They answer thousands of emails, field hundreds of phone calls, respond to letters, assist with community events, produce important information for the public through communications and Lansing Living, respond to questions from the media, ensure that board appointments are made and provided to Council and so much more. I am deeply disappointed that a majority of City Council chose to reduce staff in my office as the only option for these cuts.

After a thorough review of the Council-passed budget, it was discovered that \$1,857,667 was left unallocated by Council. We must have a balanced budget, so I have added these funds to mitigate some of the reductions in operations made to our departments and bring the budget back into balance. While these operational vetoes equal \$1,857,667 departments still have \$2,762,033 million less than needed as included in my proposed budget. We will continue to evaluate the usage of operational funds and department needs, and provide updates to the Ways and Means Committee as we prepare for quarterly budget amendments.

It is also important to note that this budget results in the City of Lansing having a 14% fund balance. Best practices and city policy recommend between 12% and 15%, and this means we have a very healthy fund balance in our adopted budget.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your work on city budget matters as we continue to work together to grow the City of Lansing.

Sincerely,



Andy Schor  
Mayor

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## NOTICE OF VETO

Pursuant to my authority under the Charter of the City of Lansing, I hereby veto and suspend the following items contained in Resolution #2023-114, the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget resolution, which was adopted by the Lansing City Council on May 15, 2023.

The below items are vetoed as follows:

### **Appropriations**

#### Internal Audit

Operating \$(12,514)

#### Mayor's Office

Personnel (268,000)

Operating (1,500)

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#### Office of Community Media

Personnel 2,000

Operating (78,538)

#### Neighborhood and Citizen Engagement

Operating (64,738)

#### Economic Development and Planning

Operating (548,665)

#### Assessing

Operating (265,735)

#### Finance Operating

Operating (86,316)

#### Treasury / Income Tax

Operating (86,738)

#### Human Resources

Operating (264,560)

#### City Attorney

Operating (275,851)

#### Public Service

Operating 59,000

Human Relations and Community Service  
Operating (24,512)

**Total Appropriations (1,857,667)**

**Local Streets Fund**

**Estimated Revenues**

Transfers from Other Funds 59,000

The reasons for my veto are set forth fully in the cover letter to this Notice of Veto.

Accordingly, I exercise my authority under the City Charter and issue this veto, which maintains balance in the budget as required by state law and our Charter.

Dated: 5-18-03

Signed:   
Andy Schor, Mayor

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the following appropriations and revenue projections are adopted as the City's budget for the FY 2023/2024 fiscal year:

	FY 2024 Proposed	Council Changes	FY Council 2024 Adopted	FY24 Mayor Veto	Veto Net Change
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>					
Property Taxes	50,606,500		50,606,500	50,606,500	
Income Taxes	39,350,000		39,350,000	39,350,000	
Return on Equity	26,800,000		26,800,000	26,800,000	
State Revenues	22,424,475		22,424,475	22,424,475	
Charges for Services	9,295,300		9,295,300	9,295,300	
Fines & Forfeitures	1,505,200		1,505,200	1,505,200	
Licenses & Permits	1,824,800		1,824,800	1,824,800	
Other Revenue	412,000		412,000	412,000	
Transfers from Other Funds	100,000		100,000	100,000	
Interest & Rent	621,195		621,195	621,195	
Use of (Contribution to) Fund Balance	2,762,033	(2,762,033)	-	-	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>155,701,503</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>152,939,470</b>	<b>152,939,470</b>	
<b>Appropriations</b>					
<b>City Council</b>					
Personnel	541,898		541,898	541,898	-
Operating	250,910	(135,301)	115,609	115,609	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>792,808</b>	<b>(135,301)</b>	<b>657,507</b>	<b>657,507</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Internal Audit</b>					
Personnel	219,000		219,000	219,000	-
Operating	12,514	(12,514)	-	12,514	12,514.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>231,514</b>	<b>(12,514)</b>	<b>219,000</b>	<b>231,514</b>	<b>12,514</b>
<b>Courts</b>					
Personnel	5,088,290		5,088,290	5,088,290	-
Operating	1,536,070	(563,169)	972,901	972,901	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,624,360</b>	<b>(563,169)</b>	<b>6,061,191</b>	<b>6,061,191</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Mayor's Office</b>					
Personnel	1,577,579	(268,000)	1,309,579	1,577,579	268,000.00
Operating	273,438	(155,592)	117,846	119,346	1,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,851,017</b>	<b>(423,592)</b>	<b>1,427,425</b>	<b>1,696,925</b>	<b>269,500</b>
<b>Office of Community Media</b>					
Personnel	588,100	36,456	624,556	622,556	(2,000.00)
Operating	82,438	(78,538)	3,900	82,438	78,538.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>670,538</b>	<b>(42,082)</b>	<b>628,456</b>	<b>704,994</b>	<b>76,538</b>
<b>City Clerk's Office</b>					
Personnel	1,183,378		1,183,378	1,183,378	-
Operating	597,287	(178,292)	418,995	418,995	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,780,665</b>	<b>(178,292)</b>	<b>1,602,373</b>	<b>1,602,373</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Neighborhood and Citizen Engagement</b>					
Personnel	1,018,426		1,018,426	1,018,426	-
Operating	537,981	(64,738)	473,243	537,981	64,738.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,556,407</b>	<b>(64,738)</b>	<b>1,491,669</b>	<b>1,556,407</b>	<b>64,738</b>
<b>Economic Development and Planning</b>					
Personnel	3,451,387		3,451,387	3,451,387	-
Operating	3,369,382	(548,665)	2,820,717	3,369,382	548,665.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,820,769</b>	<b>(548,665)</b>	<b>6,272,104</b>	<b>6,820,769</b>	<b>548,665</b>
<b>Assessing</b>					
Personnel	1,707,829		1,707,829	1,707,829	-
Operating	279,721	(279,721)	-	265,735	265,735.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,987,550</b>	<b>(279,721)</b>	<b>1,707,829</b>	<b>1,973,564</b>	<b>265,735</b>
<b>Finance Operating</b>					
Personnel	1,770,206		1,770,206	1,770,206	-
Operating	554,720	(86,316)	468,404	554,720	86,316.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,324,926</b>	<b>(86,316)</b>	<b>2,238,610</b>	<b>2,324,926</b>	<b>86,316</b>
<b>Treasury/Income Tax</b>					
Personnel	1,749,356		1,749,356	1,749,356	-
Operating	583,003	(295,974)	287,029	373,767	86,738.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,332,359</b>	<b>(295,974)</b>	<b>2,036,385</b>	<b>2,123,123</b>	<b>86,738</b>
<b>Human Resources</b>					
Personnel	1,968,618		1,968,618	1,968,618	-
Operating	1,130,947	(864,777)	266,170	530,730	264,560.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,099,565</b>	<b>(864,777)</b>	<b>2,234,788</b>	<b>2,499,348</b>	<b>264,560</b>
<b>City Attorney</b>					
Personnel	2,364,324		2,364,324	2,364,324	-
Operating	275,851	(275,851)	-	275,851	275,851.00

Total		2,640,175	(275,851)	2,364,324	2,640,175	275,851
Police						-
Personnel		45,756,734	120,000	45,876,734	45,876,734	-
Operating		8,709,861		8,709,861	8,709,861	-
Total		54,466,595	120,000	54,586,595	54,586,595	-
Fire						-
Personnel		35,171,150	120,000	35,291,150	35,291,150	-
Operating		6,157,067	-	6,157,067	6,157,067	-
Total		41,328,217	120,000	41,448,217	41,448,217	-
Public Service						-
Personnel		3,635,596	60,000	3,695,596	3,695,596	-
Operating		9,752,393	59,000	9,811,393	9,752,393	(59,000.00)
Total		13,387,989	119,000	13,506,989	13,447,989	(59,000)
Human Relations and Community Service						-
Personnel		1,894,264		1,894,264	1,894,264	-
Operating		176,012	(24,512)	151,500	176,012	24,512.00
Total		2,070,276	(24,512)	2,045,764	2,070,276	24,512
Parks and Recreation						-
Personnel		5,299,345		5,299,345	5,299,345	-
Operating		4,035,790	(1,242,196)	2,793,594	2,793,594	-
Total		9,335,135	(1,242,196)	8,092,939	8,092,939	-
Human Services and Racial Equity						-
Operating		2,084,932		2,084,932	2,084,932	-
Total		2,084,932	-	2,084,932	2,084,932	-
City Supported Agencies						-
Operating		549,500		549,500	549,500	-
Total		549,500	-	549,500	549,500	-
City Recognitions						-
Operating		10,000		10,000	10,000	-
Total		10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Non-Departmental						-
Vacancy Factor		(1,500,000)		(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	-
Library Lease		136,500		136,500	136,500	-
Debt Service		1,341,410		1,341,410	1,341,410	-
Net Transfers		8,065,796		8,065,796	8,065,796	-
Total		8,043,706	-	8,043,706	8,043,706	-
ARPA Revenue Loss		(8,287,500)		(8,287,500)	(8,287,500)	-
<b>Total Appropriations</b>		<b>155,701,503</b>	<b>(4,678,700)</b>	<b>151,022,803</b>	<b>152,939,470</b>	<b>1,916,667.00</b>
<b>II. Special Revenue Funds</b>						
<b>Local Streets Fund</b>						
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>						
Gas and Weight Tax Receipts		3,752,628		3,752,628	3,752,628	-
Miscellaneous Revenue		150,000		150,000	150,000	-
Transfers from Other Funds		6,933,565	59,000	6,992,565	6,933,565	(59,000.00)
Use of/(Contribution to) Fund Balance		2,498,500	-	2,498,500	2,498,500	-
Total Revenue		13,334,693	-	13,393,693	13,334,693	(59,000)
<b>Appropriations</b>						
Personnel		2,976,056		2,976,056	2,976,056	-
Operating		3,264,707		3,264,707	3,264,707	-
Capital		6,475,000		6,475,000	6,475,000	-
Debt Service		618,930		618,930	618,930	-
Total Appropriations		13,334,693	-	13,334,693	13,334,693	-