I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
Mr. Messer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in person in the Lake Michigan Conference Room at the MEDC headquarters building in Lansing with optional participation remotely. He thanked Board members for their continued service on behalf of the State of Michigan, and acknowledged that October is National Women’s Small Business Month to recognize the many achievements of female entrepreneurs and the positive impact they are making on jobs and the economy.

Mr. Messer introduced Katelyn Wilcox Surmann, MSF Board Liaison, who conducted the attendance roll call.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT
Ms. Wilcox Surmann explained the process for members of the public to participate; there were no public comments.

III. COMMUNICATIONS
Ms. Wilcox Surmann advised Board members that the Quarterly Report of the Chief Compliance Officer was provided to them in the briefing packet. She noted that a follow-up email was received from Wendy Caldwell-Liddell including two attachments regarding the former proposed AMC headquarters project in Detroit.

Letters were received from House Democratic Leader Donna Lasinski in support of the Chelsea Rockwell, LLC project in the City of Chelsea, State Senator Jon Bumstead in support of the Peterson Farms housing infrastructure project in Shelby Township (Oceana County), and State Senator Dan Lauwers in support of the Magna Electric Vehicle Structures project in the City of St. Clair.

A letter also was received from Jeff Donofrio, President & Chief Executive Officer of Business Leaders for Michigan in support of the Business Marketing Funding Allocation request.
MSF Subcommittee Reports
Ronald W. Beebe, chair of the MSF Finance and Investment Subcommittee, and Cindy Warner, chair of the MSF Policy and Planning Subcommittee, were absent from the meeting. No updates were provided by other members of the subcommittees.

Britany L. Affolter-Caine, recused from the next item, temporarily left the meeting; a recusal letter is attached to the minutes.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA
Resolution 2022-161 Approval of Consent Agenda Items
Mr. Messer asked if there were any questions from Board members regarding items under the Consent Agenda. A question was asked about the Bridgewater Interiors MBDP Amendment request. After brief discussion, Paul Gentilozzi motioned for the approval of the following:

a. Proposed Meeting Minutes: October 5, 2022
b. 2023 MSF Board Meeting Dates
c. Bridgewater Interiors: MBDP Amendment – 2022-162
d. Bridge and Stocking: MCRP Amendment – 2022-163
e. Oliver Towers – MCRP Amendment – 2022-164
f. Pre-Seed III Funding: MSU Foundation – Michigan Rise – 2022-165
g. MTRAC Life Sciences – University of Michigan: Funding Request – 2022-166
h. MTRAC AgBio – Michigan State University: Funding Request – 2022-167
i. MTRAC FY2023: Funding Allocation – 2022-168
j. T3N Program – University of Michigan: Funding Request – 2022-169
k. City of Escanaba 2021: CDBG WRI Amendment – 2022-170
l. City of Rogers City 2021: CDBG WRI Amendment – 2022-171
m. Industry 4.0 Accelerator Contract – 2022-172

Michael B. Kapp seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 1 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Susan Corbin, Rachael Eubanks, Paul Gentilozzi, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: Britany L. Afolter-Caine

Britany L. Afolter-Caine rejoined the meeting.

V. DEVELOP ATTRACTIVE PLACES
a. Resolutions 2022-173 & 2022-174 Chelsea Rockwell LLC / County of Washtenaw Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: Michigan Community Revitalization Program Grant and Brownfield Act 381 Work Plan (Rockwell Building Redevelopment)

Paula Holtz, Senior Community Development Manager, provided the Board with information regarding these action items. The actions involve approval of a $1,500,000 Michigan Community Revitalization Program performance-based grant and state tax capture for Act 381 eligible activities capped at $239,891 to support a community development project in the City of Chelsea, Washtenaw County. The project is expected to result in total capital investment of $8,842,179. Following discussion, Britany L. Afolter-Caine motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-173. Dimitrius Hutcherson seconded the motion. The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Afolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Rachael Eubanks, Paul Gentilozzi, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: None
Susan Corbin then motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-174. Quentin L. Messer, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Afolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Rachael Eubanks, Paul Gentilozzi, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: None

b. **Resolution 2022-175 Shelby Township: Community Development Block Grant Program Award (Peterson Farms Housing Infrastructure)**

Erik Wilford, Senior Business Development Manager, provided the Board with information regarding this action item. The action involves approval of $2,267,400 in Community Development Block Grant Program funds with up to an additional $27,000 to provide administrative services to assist with the compliance and administrative requirements of the award to support a workforce housing infrastructure project in Shelby Township, Oceana County. The project is expected to result in total capital investment of up to $3,194,400. Following discussion, Quentin L. Messer, Jr. motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-175. Susan Corbin seconded the motion. The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Afolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Rachael Eubanks, Paul Gentilozzi, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: None

Rachael Eubanks disconnected from the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Andrew Lockwood joined the meeting as her designated representative.

c. **Resolution 2022-176 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program: Public Gathering Spaces Funding Round Awards**

Paula Holtz, Senior Community Development Manager, provided the Board with information regarding this action item. The action involves the approval of $4,805,160 in CDBG Program Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds with up to an additional $350,000 to provide administrative services to assist with the compliance and administrative requirements of the awards for seven Public Gathering Spaces projects in the cities of Big Rapids, Ionia, McBain, and Roscommon and the villages of Calumet, Kingsley, and Shelby. Following discussion, Paul Gentilozzi motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-176. Quentin L. Messer, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Afolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Paul Gentilozzi, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: None

d. **Resolution 2022-177 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program: Water Related Infrastructure Funding Round Awards**

Gregory West, Program Manager for the Community Development Block Grant Program, provided the Board with information regarding this action item. The action involves the approval of $14,777,963 in CDBG funds with up to an additional $450,000 to provide administrative services to assist with the compliance and administrative requirements of the awards for nine Water Related Infrastructure projects in the cities of Clare, Evart, Dowagiac, Hillsdale, Imlay City, Iron River, Lapeer, Reading, and Reed City. Following discussion, Quentin L. Messer, Jr. motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-177. Dimitrius Hutcherson seconded the motion. The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Afolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Paul Gentilozzi, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: None

VI. ATTRACT, RETAIN AND GROW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 2022-178 Magna Seating of America, Inc.: Michigan Business Development Program Grant

Jeremy Webb, Interim Managing Director of Business Development Projects, provided the Board with information regarding this action item. The action involves approval of a $2,900,000 Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant to support a business development project in the City of Highland Park, Wayne County. The project is expected to result in the creation of up to 490 new jobs and a capital investment of up to $3,772,000. Following discussion, Quentin L. Messer, Jr. motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-178. Paul Gentilozzi seconded the motion. The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Afolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Paul Gentilozzi, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: None


Jeremy Webb, Interim Managing Director of Business Development Projects, provided the Board with information regarding these action items. The actions involve approval of a $1,300,000 Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant and a 50% Alternative State Essential Services Assessment exemption for up to five years valued at up to $369,837 to support a business development project in Shelby Charter Township, Macomb County. The project is expected to result in the creation of up to 159 new jobs and a capital investment of up to $96,178,814. Following discussion, Brittany L. Afolter-Caine motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-179. Quentin L. Messer, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Afolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Paul Gentilozzi, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: None

Paul Gentilozzi then motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-180. Quentin L. Messer, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Afolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Paul Gentilozzi, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: None


Jeremy Webb, Interim Managing Director of Business Development Projects, provided the Board with information regarding these action items. The actions involve approval of an amendment to
a previously approved award to increase the grant amount from $1,500,000 to $7,500,000 and the qualified new jobs requirement from 304 to 1,224, a 100% State Essential Services Assessment (SESA) exemption for a period of 15 years valued at up to $6,304,520, and a request to waive the Eligible Distressed Area requirement related to the SESA exemption due to the transformational nature of the project to support a business development project in the City of St. Clair, St. Clair County. In total, the project is expected to result in the creation of up to 920 new jobs and a capital investment of up to $426,599,000. Following discussion, Britany L. Afolter-Caine motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-181. Dimitrius Hutcherson seconded the motion. The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Afolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Paul Gentilozzi, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: None

Britany L. Afolter-Caine then motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-182. Susan Corbin seconded the motion. The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Afolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Paul Gentilozzi, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: None

d. Resolution 2022-183 VIA Motors International, Inc.: Michigan Business Development Program Grant

Matt Chasnis, Senior Business Development Project Manager, provided the Board with information regarding this action item. The action involves approval of a $2,500,000 Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant to support a business development project in the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County. The project is expected to result in the creation of up to 300 new jobs and a capital investment of up to $12,359,000. Following discussion, Quentin L. Messer, Jr. motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-183. Susan Corbin seconded the motion. The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Afolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Paul Gentilozzi, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: None

VII. MARKET THE STATE

a. Resolution 2022-184 Business Marketing: Funding Allocation

Michelle Grinnell, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Communications, provided the Board with information regarding this action item. The action involves approval of an allocation of $10,000,000 from FY 2023 appropriated funding to the MSF’s existing contract with Lambert/9th Wonder to support and grow talent by executing a talent marketing campaign to retain and attract talent for in-demand and high-growth occupations statewide. Following discussion, Paul Gentilozzi motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-184. Quentin L. Messer, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Afolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Paul Gentilozzi, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: None
VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE
   a. Resolution 2022-185 Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center (MMTC): Funding Allocation

   Colin Dillon, Pure Michigan Business Connect Data & Strategy Manager, provided the Board with information regarding this action item. The action involves approval of an allocation of $3,050,000 from FY 2023 appropriated funding to MMTC to support Industry 4.0 statewide services and supplier matchmaking services. Following discussion, Dimitrius Hutcherson motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-185. Quentin L. Messer, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused

   ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Afolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Paul Gentilozzi, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: None

IX. INFORMATIONAL

Mr. Messer noted the MSF delegated authority report for the period September 1 to September 30, 2022, was included in the meeting packet. He asked if there were any questions from Board members regarding the information; there were none.

Mr. Messer adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.
February 3, 2020

Ms. Rhonda Bishop
Board Relations Liaison
Michigan Strategic Fund Office
300 N. Washington Square
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Dear Ms. Bishop:

I hereby confirm and ratify my designation of Michael B. Kapp, Administrator, Michigan Department of Transportation, as the person authorized and empowered to act in my stead for Michigan Strategic Fund meetings that I am unable to attend.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Paul C. Ajegba, P.E.
Director

cc: M. Kapp
Executive File
January 6, 2022

Quentin Messer, Chairman, Michigan Strategic Fund
Michigan Economic Development Corporation
300 N. Washington Square
Lansing, MI  48913

Re:    Michigan Strategic Fund Board Meeting Designee for Treasurer Eubanks

Dear Mr. Messer:

I hereby designate Andrew Lockwood to attend all Michigan Strategic Fund meetings that I am unable to attend in 2022.

If you need anything additional, please contact Kara Kabia at (517) 241-2624.

Sincerely,

Rachael Eubanks
State Treasurer

Cc:    Eric Bussis
       Andrew Lockwood
October 25, 2022

Valerie Hoag  
MSF Fund Manager  
MEDC  
300 N. Washington Square  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Ms. Hoag,

This is to advise that I am recusing myself from voting and excuse myself during the discussion of the consent agenda on the Michigan Strategic Fund Board Meeting Agenda on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

The reason for my recusal is that I have a potential conflict of interest with respect to the parties involved in the Agenda item.

Sincerely,

Britany Affolter-Caine  
Executive Director  
Michigan’s University Research Corridor
Hi Robbie,

Thank you for providing this information. However, impacted residents are not interested in discussing state law with Northpoint and ERG. We are fully aware of the state law and the analysis provided in the ERG report. It is not my opinion or the opinion of the residents that this information is insufficient. It is a fact, given that this is not what we have asked Northpoint to provide. We have repeatedly provided information regarding the negative implications of Michigan's environmental laws for neighborhoods like ours where the majority of residents are low income, Black households with children and elders. We are aware of the laws and the fact these laws do little to nothing to protect public health. As shared in previous communications, we are looking to have a conversation with Northpoint about your intention to be a good steward of our community and tax dollars by remediating the negative health and environmental impacts that will be primarily associated with diesel truck pollution during the construction phase of this project. Is Northpoint willing to have a conversation with the community regarding negative environmental impacts and options for appropriate resolutions and programming to mitigate these impacts?

I am attaching to this email,

1. A letter signed by the District 7 Community Advisory Council, CAC on Thursday, September 29 supporting the environmental justice concerns and demands at AMC.
2. A map showing the High Exposure Zones of residents most impacted by diesel truck pollution and on site activities post-construction.

Given the growing concern in District 7 about the negative environmental impact associated with this project, I hope that Northpoint is willing to have a conversation with the community regarding environmental justice and provide the appropriate resolutions and programming to mitigate your negative impacts.

Lastly, in the interest of transparency, I want to be sure that all the necessary stakeholders and interested residents who care about what happens with this process are in the loop on these communications. As such, I am cc’ing the original stakeholders on this response for their information - Our Detroit City Council Members and Staff, DEGC Representatives, MEDC MSF Board, District 7 Community Advisory Council, and AMC Impacted Residents. Thank you!
Hey Wendy,

I'm welcome to your feedback on this but my thought was that this meeting would revolve around the most recent response and the two primary reasons you listed. This would allow the opportunity for you to raise concerns directly with the 3rd party consultant and what is deemed insufficient. Some of your concerns cannot be directly answered by NP or ERG since we cannot control who is falsifying their emissions data. We are also the developer and not the end user, so it would be upon the end user to make sure they are in accordance with federal and state law.

Thanks,

Robbie Nguyen
Development Manager

C 513.578.2907
www.BeyondTheContract.com

On Mon, Oct 10, 2022 at 10:51 AM Wendy Caldwell-Liddell <wmcliddell@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Robbie,

Thank you for reaching out and coordinating. Before setting a meeting date, I would like to get a copy of your proposed agenda. Can you please send this over when you get a chance?

On Mon, Oct 10, 2022 at 10:50 AM Robbie Nguyen <rnguyen@northpointkc.com> wrote:

Good morning Wendy,

I hope you had a great weekend! Our consultant at ERG had surgery this past Friday and will be out this week. Do you have availability the week of 10/17 and if so, could you communicate what times and dates work best for you?

Thanks,

Robbie Nguyen
Development Manager

C 513.578.2907
www.BeyondTheContract.com

On Mon, Oct 10, 2022 at 10:50 AM Wendy Caldwell-Liddell <wmcliddell@gmail.com> wrote:

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Wendy Caldwell-Liddell
Cell: 313 - 296 - 5500
September 29, 2022

To: Councilmember Mary Waters

CC: Honorable Detroit City Council

RE: Environmental Justice for AMC Impacted Residents

Dear Councilwoman Mary Waters,

The Community Advisory Council is sending this letter on behalf of AMC Impacted residents to thank you for your commitment to ensuring environmental justice around the AMC project and to support the community's ask for Northpoint Development at AMC to provide:

"Funding for programming to support the installation of high efficiency furnace filters, HVAC system filters, and/or HVAC system upgrades to the existing air filters in resident's furnaces or central HVAC systems to improve indoor air quality and filter out pollutants specifically in the homes of residents who live in "High Exposure Zones."

and

"To support the most at-risk residents, design the program to include window upgrades and replacements for all homes with window air infiltration leaks."

On 6/20, 6/28, 8/1, and 8/22, AMC Impacted residents sent letters to the City of Detroit, the DEGC, Northpoint Development, and the MEDC's MSF Board respectively asking to secure:

A comprehensive, environmental, health impact assessment and report; and

Use the information provided in the environmental and health assessment(s) to guide requirements for off-site mitigation and ultimately ensure environmental justice.

In response to Northpoint's inaction on the environmental and health impact analysis, residents have completed research independently, using as much data at their disposal to outline the appropriate environmental mitigations for AMC provided the extent and magnitude of Northpoint's industrial construction operations in one of District 7’s most at-risk residential communities.

Based on the scientific analysis completed by residents using industry data, EPA data, and industry best practices with regard to air quality remediation for industrial facilities like AMC - where ~868 new diesel trucks and ~1,294 passenger cars will be added this community each day through construction activities - residents have come away with a sound environmental
justice request. That is the aforementioned HVAC and furnace filters as well as window treatments where necessary.

With this letter, the Community Advisory Council would also like to uplift the following items provided by residents to support the environmental justice demand:

- The attached map and environmental impact area boundary lines - illustrating which residents are located in "High Exposure Zones"
- A direct link to an EPA guide on HVAC filters for homes affected by air pollution. Click here to view the EPA's guide on Air Filters. If this link is broken, you can copy and paste the following link into your browser:
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The Community Advisory Council is in full agreement with the commitment made by Councilwoman Mary Waters's office to support resident's environmental justice concerns and would love to partner with your office to see this commitment through. Thank you.

District 7 Community Advisory Council

Sincerely,

Clinton C. Topp, President
Community Advisory Council District 7
AMC HIGH EXPOSURE POLLUTION ZONES

What the data says about proximity to roadways serving truck traffic and pollution exposure:

- The Health Effects Institute Panel identify the high exposure zone within a range of up to 300–500 m from a highway or a major road.
- EPA Research findings indicate that roadways generally influence air quality within “high exposure zones”. That is, those within a few hundred meters – about 500-600 feet downwind from the vicinity of heavily traveled roadways or along corridors with significant trucking traffic or rail activities.

Based on this data and information, we calculated the “high exposure zones” (HEZ) around the AMC site using an average of the downwind radius of 1,760 feet and a windward radius of 660 feet from both the truck routes and the site. With this, the HEZ around the AMC averages 1,210 feet or 0.23 miles from the mobile pollution (truck routes) and/or point pollution (the AMC site itself) depending on the wind direction on any given day. Red and Blue shaded boundaries indicated in the area below illustrate households and areas located within this average high exposure zone surrounding AMC.

Legend

- AMC Truck Traffic Routes
- AMC Property Lines/Parcel Boundary
- Truck Traffic “High Exposure Zones” – Blocks within ~0.23 miles
- AMC Site “High Exposure Zones” – Blocks within ~0.23 miles
- Overlapping High Exposure Zones - Point Pollution and Mobile Pollution within ~0.23 miles
October 21, 2022

Quentin L. Messer, Jr.
Chair, Chief Executive & Economic Competitiveness Officer
Michigan Economic Development Corporation
300 N. Washington Square
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Quentin L. Messer, Jr.,

As the State Representative for Michigan’s 52nd House District, I am writing to express my support for Chelsea Rockwell LLC to receive a Michigan Community Revitalization Program grant and for the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to receive a Brownfield State Tax for the community development project in the City of Chelsea. The funding will allow for the rehabilitation of a prominent building in the Chelsea community and create 51 new residential housing units.

Chelsea Rockwell LLC has created a plan to renew a historical building in Chelsea’s Commercial Historic District and create new housing for our community. This project will bring new capital investments to Chelsea of roughly $8,842,179, which is outstanding for the community and will help improve the economic growth of the city and its residents. The completion of this project will further improve the lives of residents through new housing and economic opportunities.

I am confident that Chelsea Rockwell LLC and the Washtenaw County Redevelopment Authority will work together toward responsible implementation of these funds.

Once again, I am expressing my support for Chelsea Rockwell LLC and the Washtenaw County Redevelopment Authority to receive these grants from the Michigan Strategic Fund, as it will greatly benefit the residents and the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

Donna Lasinski
House Democratic Leader
52nd District State Representative
October 24, 2022

Michigan Economic Development Corporation
ATTN: Chair Quentin Messer Jr.
300 N. Washington Sq.
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Chair Messer,

This letter is written in support of the housing infrastructure project in Shelby Township, Oceana County as they request grant funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Peterson Farms in Oceana County plays a vital economic role in West Michigan with 1,060 full-time employees. This farm has a large impact on the community and is a model for farms in the Midwest. If the funding requested is received it will have a lasting impact on not only the farm but the employees and evidently the community.

Currently, in Oceana county there is a lack of affordable housing, to ensure that employees can still live in the area, Peterson Farms took it upon themselves to construct nine apartment buildings to house employees in a convenient area. Funding under the CDBG will finalize the construction and allow employees and their families to benefit. Funding will go toward the installation of a 2.71-mile water main extension from the Village of Shelby to mitigate the risk of contamination from the apartment’s current well system.

As decided by the Michigan Strategic Fund there is a potential to have a lasting future for this large regional employer as well as continued community success in Oceana County.

In addition to many others that have supported this project, I would like to add my support and ask that you approve the funding for the Peterson Farms and Oceana County’s Shelby Township Housing infrastructure project. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office by phone at (866) 305-2134 or by email at SenJBumstead@senate.michigan.gov.

Best regards,

[Signature]

Jon Bumstead
State Senator
Michigan Senate District 34
October 20, 2022

Quentin L. Messer, Jr.
Chairperson
Michigan Strategic Fund Board
300 N. Washington Square
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Chairperson Messer:

I am writing to offer my full support of the Magna Electric Vehicle Structures-Michigan, Inc. grant application.

This important project, a planned expansion of their current location in the City of St. Clair, will provide an exciting growth opportunity for the region by continuing to be a part of the electric vehicle industry with its manufacturing of complex battery enclosures for electric vehicles produced in Michigan and Ohio. Magna Electric Vehicle Structures – Michigan, Inc. has proven to be a successful business and is committed to providing quality jobs. This grant would support the company’s expansion, while providing more than $426 million in regional investment and over 920 well-paying jobs in various roles.

The City of St. Clair and the surrounding communities are eagerly anticipating this project and its expected impact on the local economy. Knowing the benefits this project would provide for the people of the 25th District, I enthusiastically support the Magna Electric Vehicle Structures-Michigan, Inc. expansion project.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my support.

Sincerely,

Dan Lauwers
State Senator, 25th District
October 24, 2022

Mr. Quentin L. Messer, Jr.
Chairperson and President
Michigan Strategic Fund
300 North Washington Square
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Quentin:

Business Leaders for Michigan strongly supports funding for a marketing campaign focused on retaining and attracting talent for in-demand and high-growth occupations. The availability of high-quality talent will determine whether Michigan becomes a top state for economic growth. With 84% of our member companies expecting to have trouble filling jobs, we can't afford to wait. If we care about Michigan's future, we need to make sure Michigan retains more of its workforce, particularly those graduating from our four-year universities, and attracts entrepreneurs and professionals looking to advance their careers and enjoy a good quality of life.

The need for such a campaign is great:

- While our state's population is projected to grow slightly, Michigan is projected to lose over 100,000 working aged individuals (ages of 20-64) between 2020 and 2030, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget projections.
- Between 2016 and 2019, Michigan lost an average of about 6,000 workers a year to other states. While this improved in 2020 and 2021, we are still a net exporter of talent.
- In the last 10 years, 62,000 Michiganders moved to Chicago alone, including 42,000 under the age of 34.

A strategic, long-term advertising and marketing campaign is necessary to draw talent to Michigan and start to reverse these trends. Combined with regional initiatives and other attraction and retention efforts, there is considerable potential to grow our workforce during a time when many workers are reconsidering where they want to live.

States we compete with have been engaging in this type of talent marketing for years. Ohio recently allocated $50 million for a similar campaign and is aggressively recruiting job seekers to fill existing opportunities. In 2018, Wisconsin funded a $7.8 million campaign targeted to veterans and Chicago millennials with messaging around shorter commutes and outdoor activities.
The Pure Michigan travel and leisure campaign has been amongst the most successful in the country, bringing millions of visitors to our state and enhancing our reputation. Allocating $10 million to a Pure Michigan for Talent campaign will not just help Michigan attract more people but help bring jobs to our state in growing and diverse industries.

Sincerely,

Jeff Donofrio
President and Chief Executive Officer
Business Leaders for Michigan