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To: City Clerk  
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Subject: Re: Bing as Applicant for Appointment

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Subject line: Supporting Bing Goei for 3rd Ward  
Salutation: Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

I am Pastor Reginald Smith. I have known Bing Goei for over three decades and wholeheartedly support his candidacy for interim Third Ward commissioner. Bing has displayed a heart for crossing racial and cultural boundaries with a heart for people and a mind for practical solutions to pressing problems. His life story of coming to Grand Rapids as an immigrant, attending Grand Rapids Public Schools, and his business acumen as president of Eastern Floral makes him an excellent choice until the next election. I believe the Third Ward would be served well with his appointment.

Besides these credentials I already stated, Bing has solid faith that doesn't lay his mind or voice on the sidelines. He will roll up his sleeves and get to work on the issues that prevent anyone from flourishing in Grand Rapids. even in the limited time he has to serve.  
I endorse his appointment.

Rev. Reginald Smith, DMin

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