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To: City Clerk <cityclerk@grand-rapids.mi.us>

Subject: Support for Appointment of Bing Goei to 3rd Ward Commission Seat

Dear Mayor and City Commissioners:

As residents of the third ward, we are writing to express our support of the appointment of Bing Goei to fill the vacant unexpired term of Third Ward Commissioner.

Mister Goei is a long-time resident of the ward and an engaged citizen. He brings expertise as a successful entrepreneur with a practical understanding of the City's efforts to promote equitable economic development policies. He has a track record of creating jobs and possibilities for advancement for others. He has ties on the local, state, national and even international level and uses those relationships to promote West Michigan and the City of Grand Rapids. He has a working knowledge of the many issues facing the City and its residents and has long demonstrated his commitment to tearing down barriers and opening doors of opportunity. We know him to be a critical thinker, problem-solver and consensus builder. He listens to all perspectives before making decisions. We believe, based on his track record, that he is the best applicant for the role.

In addition, we believe that since he is stepping up to ensure representation for the ward without seeking re-election, his appointment takes away any perception that your appointment gives an unfair advantage of incumbency over other office-seekers. It creates an open field for those seeking the office by the filing deadline and gives the electorate a voice in who will serve a full term. Until the next election all residents can be confident that they would have in Bing Goei a representative dedicated to the important work of local government.

Thank you for your consideration of Bing Goei- a man of integrity, skill and commitment to the common good.

Sincerely,

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