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Dear Grand Rapids City Commissioners,

I currently serve as the Senior Pastor of the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, as well as the Executive Director at Oakdale Neighbors (a neighborhood association located in the 3rd Ward of the City of Grand Rapids). I am honored to write a recommendation for Mr. Bing Goei to be appointed by the city commission to finish out the term of former city commissioner Nathaniel Moody. I have known Bing for approximately 23 years, and I've had the opportunity to serve with him on a couple of boards within the Grand Rapids Community (including the Calvin University Presidents Community Advisory Council which Bing currently chair). Bing is a proven consensus builder who has a track record of getting things done for the good of the citizens of Grand Rapids.

Bing has lived in the City of Grand Rapids for 64 years. He is the owner and CEO of Eastern Floral, and the Goei Center. Bing has also been involved in many community service initiatives, and has addressed many public grievances in the past as a public servant. He is the former director of SCORR at the Christian Reformed Church in North America, former Director at the State of Michigan Office For New Americans.

He has assisted with advancing indigenous and low income residents, and he is a very popular figure amongst the masses. Bing understands the various concerns of his fellow 3rd Ward residents having served on many community boards, and councils such as the Grand Rapids Community Relations Commission, the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Florist Association Board, and the West Michigan Asian American Association, and the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce. Each of these positions and more are proof that Mr. Bing Goei has the background and experience to be an effective commissioner for the residents of Grand Rapids 3rd Ward.

I am confident that the presence of Bing on the City of Grand Rapids Board of Commissioners will be truly fruitful. I am a proud supporter of Bing, and I strongly recommend him as the individual to fill the vacancy of the 3rd Ward Commissioner in the city of Grand Rapids. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (616) 291-5631 or kwhoskins@oakdaleneighbors.org



Sincerely, Rev. Kenneth W. Hoskins, Th.D

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