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TO: Detroit City Council

FROM: David D. Whitaker 
Legislative Policy Division Staff

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RE: Secondary Street Naming Resolution – Carl Levin

The Legislative Policy Division was requested to provide a resolution assigning a secondary street name in Carl Levin. The resolution is attached for your consideration.

RESOLUTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER JANE E' AYERS:

**RESOLUTION FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF A SECONDARY
STREET NAME OF LAFAYETTE STREET BETWEEN ST. AUBIN
STREET AND BEAUBIEN STREET TO CARL LEVIN STREET**

WHEREAS Senator Carl Levin has retired from the United States Senate where he tirelessly represented the State of Michigan for six terms, the longest-serving senator in the State's history; and

WHEREAS Michigan's senior senator was born in Detroit, Michigan, and is a proud product of the Detroit Public School System, Central High School (class of 1952); and

WHEREAS Senator Levin began his political career with the Detroit City Council where he served two terms from 1969-1977 and was elected as President of the Council during his second term prior to being elected to the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS Over the last three decades, Senator Levin earned the respect of his colleagues from both sides of the aisle, becoming one of the nation's most influential leaders on national security as the Chairman of the powerful Senate Armed Services Committee, a commanding voice for equality and justice, and a fighter for economic fairness; and

WHEREAS From the first piece of legislation he introduced as a U.S. Senator – a bill to end discrimination by credit card companies—Senator Levin has proven to be a staunch supporter of working families, where he fought hard for Michigan jobs and the Michigan economy; for affordable and accessible health care; for the Great Lakes and a clean, safe and healthy environment; for high quality education; and for Social Security and prescription drug coverage, agriculture programs, and the roads and infrastructure that benefit so many Michigan citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS In the Senate, Senator Levin's top priority was the economic well-being of Michigan. He was a consistent voice for support of American manufacturing, the backbone of Michigan's economy and the nation's. As the co-chair of the Senate Auto and Auto Parts Task Force, he was one of the Senate's strongest advocates for policies that would help American manufacturers compete globally and level the playing field with our trading partners. Those efforts include lobbying for the grants for manufacturers of batteries and other components of advanced electric vehicles that have sparked major job creation in Michigan. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That Lafayette Street between St. Aubin Street and Beaubien Street be assigned the secondary street name "Carl Levin Street" in celebration of his noteworthy achievements; **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That the projected cost of designing, producing, erecting, replacing, and removing the two signs and markers designating the assignment of secondary name shall be paid, in advance, to the street fund by the petitioner requesting the secondary name;
THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, A certified copy of the resolution shall be transmitted by the city clerk to the fire department, historical department, police department, department of public works and its city engineering and traffic engineering divisions, recreation department, department of transportation, and the United States Postal Service.

November 5, 2015

