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Former Mayoral Candidate Saunteel Jenkins Endorses Council President Sheffield for Mayor of Detroit

City Council President Mary Sheffield receives an official endorsement from Saunteel Jenkins for her campaign for Mayor

DETROIT – Former mayoral candidate Saunteel Jenkins has officially endorsed Detroit City Council President Mary Sheffield in her campaign for mayor of Detroit. The announcement was made today at 10 a.m. during a press conference outside Cody High School.

Jenkins, who ran a strong campaign for the next mayor of Detroit, highlighted Sheffield's experience and commitment to Detroit's residents.

"Reducing gun violence and strengthening our schools are core issues that significantly impact the daily quality of life for Detroiters. These issues must be addressed for a stronger future, and Mary Sheffield is the most suitable candidate to tackle these crucial challenges," said Saunteel Jenkins. "Therefore, I endorse her historic candidacy and look forward to welcoming our first female mayor."

Council President Mary Sheffield said, "I am truly honored to receive the endorsement of Saunteel Jenkins. Throughout her campaign, she brought forth good ideas and a strong vision for Detroit's future. We share many of the same values—particularly around ensuring quality education for our children and strengthening public safety in our neighborhoods. I look forward to building on this shared vision as we continue the fight to move Detroit forward together."

Along with the endorsement, Jenkins and Sheffield announced they will host a future event focused on women in leadership, as well as work together on policies aimed at addressing gun violence and improving education in Detroit.

This endorsement from Jenkins underscores the confidence leaders across Detroit have in Sheffield's vision for the city.

To learn more about Council President Mary Sheffield's campaign for mayor, visit <https://www.marysheffield.com/>.

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About Mary Sheffield

Detroit City Council President Mary Sheffield made history as the youngest council member elected in 2013, representing District 5. For the past 11 years, Sheffield has served as chair of the Neighborhood and Community Services Standing Committee, and as a member of the Planning, Economic Development, Budget Finance and Audit Standing Committees for the Council. Additionally, Council President Sheffield has been instrumental in passing 23 significant pieces of legislation during her tenure on the Detroit City Council, including: Inclusionary Housing, Property Tax Reform, Home Repair Grant Funding, Neighborhood Improvement Fund, Neighborhood Beautification Program, Homeowner Property Tax Exemption (HOPE) and Right to Counsel.

Sheffield's public awards and recognitions include being named to Crain's Detroit Business's 'Twenty in their 20s' honorees in 2014; Crain's '40 Under 40' honorees in 2022; Michigan Chronicle's 2022 Class of 'Women of Excellence'; 'Power 50 Leaders' in 2024; Detroit Branch NAACP's Great Expectations Award in 2016; the Black United Fund's 2024 Black Excellence Award; the 2023 JoAnn Watson Soul Day Soul Sister Award, and the 2021 Maryann Mahaffey/Erma Henderson Elected Official of the Year Award.

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