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Two Major Labor Organizations Endorse Council President Mary Sheffield for Mayor of Detroit

Teamsters Joint Local #43 and Building Trades Council back Mary Sheffield, citing her lifelong commitment to workers and grassroots leadership

DETROIT — Two of Michigan’s most influential labor organizations— Teamsters Joint Council #43 and the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council, have endorsed Detroit City Council President Mary Sheffield for mayor.

The dual endorsement showcases Sheffield’s long-standing alliance with labor and her commitment to uplifting Detroit’s working families. Throughout her career, Sheffield has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with union members, advocating for living wages, fair working conditions, and policies that invest in Detroiters.

“This campaign is rooted in the belief that Detroit’s future must be built with and for working people,” said Council President Mary Sheffield. “I’m proud to have the backing of Teamsters and the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council, two powerful voices for labor who know I will never stop fighting for workers, equity, and opportunity in every corner of this city.”

These endorsements represent a major milestone in the campaign and reflect Sheffield’s proven track record of delivering for the labor community, including her leadership on policy around housing, neighborhoods, and property tax relief, issues that directly impact working-class Detroiters.

“As President of Teamsters Joint Council #43, it’s an honor to endorse Mary Sheffield for Mayor of Detroit,” shared Kevin D. Moore, president of Teamsters Joint Council #43 and Teamsters Local 299. “I’ve witnessed her leadership firsthand, and I know her dedication, vision, and proven track record will serve this city well, both now and in the future.”

“The Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council has endorsed Mary Sheffield for Mayor in the City of Detroit,” shared Patrick Devlin, secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council. “We believe she has the talent and temperament to make an excellent Mayor. We in the building trades have found Council President Sheffield to be approachable and



sympathetic to the issues and concerns of organized labor, and look forward to working with her as Detroit's next Mayor.”

These critical endorsements follow ongoing momentum for Sheffield's grassroots campaign, which continues to draw support from Detroit residents, national advocacy groups, and community leaders alike, including:

- EMILYs List
- Higher Heights for America PAC
- Fannie Lou Hamer PAC
- MI List
- Laborers' Local Union 1191
- UNITE HERE! Local 24
- SEIU Michigan
- Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights
- Judge Greg Mathis
- Keith Ellison, Attorney General of Minnesota
- Attorney Benjamin Crump
- Cindy Pasky, founder of Strategic Staffing Solutions
- Tommey Walker, founder of Detroit Vs Everybody
- Melissa Butler, founder of The Lip Bar
- Keith Williams, Michigan Democratic Party Black Caucus
- Rev Wendell Anthony
- Rev Barry Randolph
- Bishop Marvin Winans
- Rev Nicholas Hood
- Pastor Alonzo Bell
- Bishop Corletta Vaughn
- Rev. Jim Holley

With broad-based support from labor, community, and national voices, Sheffield is building a movement to create a more just, inclusive, and opportunity-driven Detroit.

To learn more about Council President Mary Sheffield's campaign for mayor, visit marysheffield.com.

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About Council President 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 has been instrumental in passing 23 significant legislations during her tenure on the Detroit City Council some of which include: 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, and Crain's '40 Under 40' honorees in 2022; Michigan Chronicle's 2022 Class of 'Women of Excellence' and '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.

Visit marysheffield.com for more information.

About The Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council

The Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council helps protect the safety, working conditions and wages of Michigan's unionized construction workforce. We support our building trades unions by working with contractors, contractor associations, lawmakers and local and state government agencies to promote unionized construction.

To learn more, visit: <https://www.michiganbuildingtrades.org/>

About Teamsters Joint Council #43

Teamsters Joint Council #43 is the political and legislative arm of Teamsters across Michigan. Our 10 affiliated local unions represent workers in diverse industries, demonstrating the strength and influence that Teamsters provide in the workplace. Local unions are listed on this website, and those with their individual website can be contacted by clicking on the appropriate local union in the "Important Links" box at left.

We proudly represent 240,000 active and retired members. Michigan Teamsters represent workers in transportation, warehouse, manufacturing, construction, carhaul, freight, bakery and laundry, industrial, package delivery, moving companies, solid waste and recycling, building materials and construction trades, tankhaul, casinos, newspapers, beer and wine distribution, school employees as well as diverse public sector jobs.



We are proudly affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which represents 1.3 million workers across the United States and Canada.

To learn more, visit: <http://www.teamstersjointcouncil43.com/>