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**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ETHICS OF THE CITY OF DETROIT**

**RESOLUTION ADMONISHING  
WILLIE DONWELL,  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DETROIT BOARD OF REVIEW PROPERTY ASSESSMENT**

Whereas the Detroit City Charter and the Ethics Ordinance mandate disclosure requirements and standards of conduct to ensure that governmental decisions are made in the public's best interest by prohibiting public servants from participating in matters that affect their personal or financial interests;

Whereas the Board of Ethics applies and enforces disclosure requirements and standards of conduct by, but not limited to, conducting investigations and, where appropriate, issuing notice of charges in order to ensure the integrity of City government, through the subpoenaing of witnesses, the administering of oaths, the taking of testimony, and the compulsion of the production of relevant evidence;

Whereas on July 20, 2017, the Board of Ethics opened an investigation regarding Willie D. Donwell, a city appointee, for possible violations of:  
Sec. 2-6-65. - Incompatible employment or rendering services prohibited;  
Sec. 2-6-66. - Representation of private person, business or organization prohibited; exceptions\*; and,  
Sec. 2-6-96. - Public servants, contractors, subcontractors, vendors and licensees, and applicants for certification of eligibility for city contracts or programs, to cooperate with the board of ethics; obstruction to result in penalties;

Whereas after an investigation that compiled facts sufficient to constitute a possible violation of this article, a Hearing, with proper notice, was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, on Investigation 2017-01, Board of Ethics as to Mr. Donwell;

Whereas during said Hearing, the Board of Ethics found that Mr. Donwell held two incompatible positions when he held an appointed position as the Chair of the Detroit Chairperson Of The Detroit Board Of Review Property

Assessment and he also held positions with Home Team, Inc. including Director of Lifestyle Programs and President;

Whereas during said Hearing, the Board of Ethics found that Mr. Donwell represented a business while an appointee of the City of Detroit when he held himself out as a representative of Home Team to at least three elected officials;

Whereas during said Hearing, the Board of Ethics found that Mr. Donwell obstructed the Board during this investigation when he testified that he intentionally failed to respond to the Board inquiries; and,

Whereas in the event the Board of Ethics determines that a violation of this article has occurred, the Board may adopt a resolution of public admonition against an elective officer, or an appointee, regarding the violation; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the Board of Ethics:

1. Publically admonishes Willie D. Donwell for violation of Sec. 2-6-65. - Incompatible employment or rendering services prohibited by the Ethics Ordinance and Sec. 2-106.1(2)(d) of the Detroit City Charter;
2. Publically admonishes Willie D. Donwell for violation of Sec. 2-6-66. - Representation of private person, business or organization prohibited; exceptions\* prohibited by the Ethics Ordinance and Sec. 2-106.1(2)(e) of the Detroit City Charter;
3. Publically admonishes Willie D. Donwell for violation of Sec. 2-6-96. - Public servants, contractors, subcontractors, vendors and licensees, and applicants for certification of eligibility for city contracts or programs, to cooperate with the board of ethics; obstruction to result in penalties; prohibited by the Ethics Ordinance and Sec. 2-106.10 of the Detroit City Charter; and,
4. Requires Willie D. Donwell to receive Ethics Training from the Board of Ethics within ninety days from the date of this resolution.
5. Sends this resolution to the Mayor, City Council, the City Clerk, and to local media entities.

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