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Detroit Restaurant Association Endorses Mike Duggan for Mayor

DETROIT – Today, the Detroit Restaurant Association (DRA) announced its endorsement of Mike Duggan for re-election as Mayor of the city of Detroit. Duggan is the first political candidate the recently formed Detroit Restaurant Association has selected for endorsement.

“On behalf of the nearly 150 restaurant member locations operating throughout the city, the Detroit Restaurant Association is thrilled to announce its endorsement of Mayor Mike Duggan,” said **Herasanna Richards, Director of the Detroit Restaurant Association**. “Whether it’s downtown or in the neighborhoods, our membership has voiced its appreciation of the Mayor’s active engagement and support of the restaurant industry. We look forward to continuing this partnership into the future,” Richards added.

The DRA was formed in March and operates as a predominantly independent local chapter of the Michigan Restaurant Association. The mission of the DRA is to lead the food service and hospitality industry in Detroit through advocacy, education and innovation. The restaurant industry is the second largest private employer in Michigan, translating to nearly 1,000 eating and drinking establishments, approximately 12,000 employees and nearly \$700 million in annual sales in the city of Detroit.

"The restaurant industry has played a critically important role in the revitalization of Detroit and Mayor Duggan gets that," said **Michigan Restaurant Association President & CEO, Justin Winslow**. His bold vision and consistent leadership has led to more jobs, opportunity and investment in this industry, culminating in a brighter future for the city of Detroit as a whole."

"I greatly appreciate the Detroit Restaurant Association for its support. The newly formed association is represented by men and women who provide excellent food services throughout the city and I look forward to working with them to build Detroit's future," said **Mayor Mike Duggan**

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