

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN  
TONY BENAVIDES LANSING CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
LANSING CITY HALL, 10<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
124 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE



AGENDA FOR JANUARY 13, 2020

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TO THE HON. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The following items were listed on the agenda in the City Clerk's Office in accordance with Section 3-103(2) of the City Charter and will be ready for your consideration at the regular meeting of the City Council on Monday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, City Hall.

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. MEDITATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. READING AND APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
**Approval of the Printed Council Proceedings of January 6, 2020**
- IV. CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS (**Suspension of Council Rule #9 is needed to allow consideration of late items. Late items will be considered as part of the regular portion of the meeting to which they relate.**)
- V. TABLED ITEMS
- VI. SPECIAL CEREMONIES
  1. **Tribute; in recognition of Greater Lansing Area Holiday Commission Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon**
- VII. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY CLERK
- VIII. COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (**Time, place, purpose, or definition of event – 1 minute limit**)
- IX. SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
- X. MAYOR'S COMMENTS
- XI. SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS
- XII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS (**Legislative matters consist of the following items on the agenda: public hearings, resolutions, ordinances for introduction, and ordinances for passage. The public may comment for up to three minutes. Speakers must sign up on blue form.**)

- A. SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS
- XIII. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
- A. REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - B. CONSENT AGENDA
    - 1. BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BETZ, DUNBAR, GARZA, HUSSAIN, JACKSON, SPADAFORE, SPITZLEY, WOOD
      - a. Tribute; in recognition of Greater Lansing Area Holiday Commission Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon
      - b. Tribute; in recognition of the City Human Relations and Community Services Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Observance
    - 2. BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
      - a. Council Rule Revisions; Amend Rule 4, Appointment of Committee Members; Creation of Ad-Hoc Committees and Rule 10, Consent Agenda (per Council Rule #41, motion may not be considered for adoption until the next Council meeting)
      - b. Confirmation of Reappointment; Derek Melot as a member of the Elected Officers Compensation Commission (PEND-1393)
      - c. Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation; Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority
  - C. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION
  - D. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES
  - E. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION and Setting of Public Hearings
  - F. ORDINANCES FOR PASSAGE
- XIV. SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS
- XV. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS; COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS; AND OTHER CITY RELATED MATTERS  
**(Motion that all items be considered as being read in full and that the proper referrals be made by the President)**
- A. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS
    - 1. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

- a. Grant Acceptance; National League of Cities Grant, Cities Addressing Fines & Fees Equitably
- b. Grant Acceptance; Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant requested by Lansing Police Department
- c. Appointment; Michael Redding as an At-Large Member of the Board of Review for a term to expire June 30, 2021

B. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS, AND OTHER CITY RELATED MATTERS

1. Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of request of Transfer stock interest in conjunction with various 2019 Watercraft licenses and permits, for J & K Catering, Inc. located at 2951 W. Main St. and 206 W. River St., Grand Ledge
2. Communication from Katherine Gleason about the lack of CATA bus routes in the Downtown “midtown” Lansing neighborhoods

XVI. MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

XVII. REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

XVIII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

XIX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS (City government related matters are issues or topics relevant to the operation or governance of the city. The public may comment for up to three minutes. Speakers must sign up on yellow form.)

XX. ADJOURNMENT



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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**

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BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BETZ, DUNBAR, GARZA, HUSSAIN,  
JACKSON, SPADAFORE, SPITZLEY AND WOOD  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Dr. Martin Luther King Commission of Mid-Michigan will host its 35<sup>th</sup> Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Luncheon on January 20, 2020, with the theme “There Comes a Time When Silence is Betrayal”; and

WHEREAS, this year’s Keynote Speaker, U.S. Representative John Lewis is an icon of the civil rights movement. His work advanced the civil rights and social justice in our country for the past six decades. Representative Lewis began his political career in 1981 and was then elected to Congress in 1986. Since then he has served as U.S. Representative of Georgia’s fifth Congressional District. He is also an award winning author of the *March* trilogy that he co-authored; and

WHEREAS, as one of the most anticipated events in the City of Lansing, the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration brings people together and reminds us to all be tolerant, kind, and accepting of one another for our similarities and our differences.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council commends the Dr. Martin Luther King Commission of Mid-Michigan for their continued dedication and service to our youth and residents of the City of Lansing and wishes them the best of luck on this uplifting celebration.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council commemorates the efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and encourages all residents of the City of Lansing to share in Dr. King’s dream and work toward, justice, good will, and brotherhood for all people.

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BETZ, DUNBAR, GARZA, HUSSAIN, JACKSON,  
SPADAFORE, SPITZLEY AND WOOD  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing, through the Human Relations and Community Services Department, will be hosting the 40th Annual Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 17, 2020, entitled "There Comes A Time When Silence Is Betrayal"; and

WHEREAS, this day should be a day of participation, wherein all citizens contribute something positive to their community in keeping with Dr. King's lifelong work toward peace, justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day honors the life and contributions of America's greatest champion of racial justice and equality, the leader who not only dreamed of a color-blind society but who also led a movement that achieved historic reforms to help make it a reality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is regarded as America's pre-eminent advocate of non-violence and one of the greatest nonviolent leaders in history by using the power of words and acts of nonviolence to advocate for freedom; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King campaigned for unprecedented civil rights legislation, and was also the driving force behind the "March for Jobs" in 1963, also known as "March on Washington" where his famous "I Have a Dream" speech secured his status as a leader and led to inspire the nation to act on civil rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council commends the Human Relations and Community Services Department on their 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King being held on January 17, 2020 in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers and encourages all residents of the City of Lansing to share in Dr. King's dream and work toward justice, good will, and brotherhood for all people.

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 41 of the Lansing City Council Rules, a proposed rule revision shall be placed on the Council Agenda for Council receipt and review, but “shall not be considered for adoption sooner than the next council meeting;”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby amends the City Council Rules 4 and Rule 10 as fully set forth below.

LANSING CITY COUNCIL RULE

(Rule amendment introduced January 13, 2020, and to be considered for adoption January 27, 2020)

*Rule 4. Appointment of Committee Members; Creation of Ad-Hoc Committees.* The President shall appoint all Council Members to the standing committees, any Council Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee and to any outside agency (see Section 3-102.6 of the City Charter). The President shall appoint the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of each standing committee and any ad-hoc advisory committee. Each standing committee of City Council shall consist of three Council Members, **EXCEPT THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF NOT MORE THAN FOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2020. SHOULD ANY ISSUE REFERRED TO A FOUR MEMBER COMMITTEE RESULT IN A TIE VOTE, THE ISSUE SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE SHALL BE DISCHARGED OF THAT ISSUE.** The President may, at his or her discretion, create or discharge any ad-hoc advisory committees.

*Rule 10. Consent Agenda.* In preparing the agenda, the Clerk's office **WILL DETERMINE WHICH MATTERS ON THE AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE MATTERS AND SHALL PLACE ALL** ~~shall place all Legislative Matters, except for those requiring more than five votes or a roll call vote,~~ **ROUTINE MATTERS** on the Consent Agenda.

All ~~Legislative~~ **ROUTINE** Matters on the Consent Agenda may be acted upon in one vote; provided, however, that any Council member may identify specific items that are not to be included in the single Consent Agenda vote, but which are to be discussed and voted upon separately. These items shall be removed from the Consent Agenda. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are to be considered as part of the regular portion of the meeting to which they relate.

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BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the reappointment as stated below:

Elected Officers Compensation Commission:

Derek Melot as an At-Large Member for a term to expire October 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has verified that the nominees has been vetted and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on January 13, 2020 and took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment as stated below:

Elected Officers Compensation Commission:

Derek Melot as an At-Large Member for a term to expire October 1, 2026.

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**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**

BY THE COMMITTEE \_\_\_\_\_  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE LANSING ENTERTAINMENT AND PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the City Council (The "Council") of the City of Lansing, Counties of Ingham and Eaton, State of Michigan (The "City") has previously incorporated the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to the provisions of Act 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended ("Act 31") and has adopted Articles of Incorporation of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it advisable and in the best interest of the City to amend Article V, Section 1 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Authority in order to provide for an equal term of office for all the voting Commissioners who serve on the Authority's Board of Commissioners; to eliminate the reservation that one Commissioner be a vendor of the Lansing City Market; and to provide for a Commissioner from the Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Article V. Section 1 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Authority is hereby amended to read in its entirety as shown in the attached Third Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation.
2. The Third Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority is hereby approved and adopted. The Mayor and City Clerk of the City are hereby authorized and requested to execute the Third Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority for and on behalf of the City.
3. The City Clerk shall cause a copy of the Third Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority to be published once in the *Lansing State Journal* or the *Lansing City Pulse*, being a newspapers circulated within the City as provided by Act 31, such publication to be accompanied by a notice that valid amendment of the Articles of Incorporation of the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority shall be conclusively presumed unless questioned in a court of competent jurisdiction as proved in Act 31.
4. The City Clerk shall file a certified copy of the executed Third Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Authority with the county Clerk of the County of Ingham, the county Clerk of the County of Eaton, and the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan, together with a certificate stating the date and newspaper of publication of the Third Amendment to the Articles of



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Incorporation. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file the originally executed Third Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation with the recording secretary of the Authority, and to take such steps as are necessary under the provisions of the state law to perfect the amendment of said articles.

5. All other resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

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BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS RESOLVED BY THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, The City of Lansing was selected on July 1, 2019 to receive a Round 1 National League of Cities / JP Morgan Chase and Co. grant for “Cities Addressing Fines and Fees Equitably” in the amount of \$10,000 (See Resolution 2019-243); and

WHEREAS, The City of Lansing was to receive additional funding for this grant (Round 2) in the amount of \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities / JP Morgan Chase and Co. grant was the result of a competitive proposal process, and the Round 2 proposal was submitted by the Office of Financial Empowerment on November 12, 2019, approved on December 2, 2019, and will be received upon approval by Council and signed agreement;

WHEREAS, The National League of Cities / JP Morgan Chase and Co. grant supports the assessment and reforming of municipal fines and fees; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities awarded \$30,000.00 to the City of Lansing’s Office of Financial Empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the award for \$30,000.00 does not require a local match;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the National League of Cities / JP Morgan Chase and Co. in the total amount of \$30,000.00 for the grant period beginning at council approval and ending May 29, 2020 for the City of Lansing.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, The Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the grant funds.

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Battle Creek Community Foundation and the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Western District of Michigan through Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force Community Project Fund has available funding for reducing gun violence, improving neighborhoods, reducing crime and promoting neighborhood safety; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Police Department was informed on December 30, 2019, that it has been selected to receive funding in the amount of \$25,194.70; and

WHEREAS, local match funds are not required; and

WHEREAS, the grant will be used for community policing engagement opportunities such as LPD & Me Workshop, Hoop It Up, Neighborhood Watch, and other community engagement opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the total grant awarded is \$25,194.70; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the Grant from the Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force Community Project Fund in the amount of \$25,194.70 for December 30, 2019 through December 30, 2020; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the awarded grant funds.

BY THE COMMITTEE \_\_\_\_\_  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the appointment of Michael Redding, 3522 Karen Street, Lansing, MI 48911 as an At-Large Member of the Board of Review for a term to expire June 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, the nominee has been vetted and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee \_\_\_\_\_ took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms Michael Redding, 3522 Karen Street, Lansing, MI 48911 as an At-Large Member of the Board of Review for a term to expire June 30, 2021.

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GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
LANSING

ORLENE HAWKS  
DIRECTOR

January 9, 2020

J & K Catering, Inc.  
c/o Attorney Daniel Knaggs  
(email: [dan@kblawpc.com](mailto:dan@kblawpc.com))

**RID #2001-00398**

**Reference/Transaction:** Transfer all stock interest by dropping existing stockholder Karla Chamberlain; and as a result, new stockholder Christopher Chamberlain will hold 1,000 shares of stock, in conjunction with various 2019 Watercraft licenses and permits, located at various locations. (2 locations)

Please let this letter serve as notice the Michigan Liquor Control Commission has referred your application to our Enforcement Division for investigation of your request.

**Applicant/Licensee:** J & K Catering, Inc.

**Business address and phone number:** 2951 W. Main St., Lansing, MI. 48917, Ingham County, (B) 517-627-2154; 206 W. River St., Grand Ledge, MI. 48837, Eaton County (B) 517-627-2149

**Home address and phone number of partner(s)/subordinates:** Christopher Chamberlain, 6126 Mallard Drive, Charlotte, MI. 48813 (B) 517-627-2154 (C) 517-490-4888

As part of the licensing process, an investigation is required by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission Enforcement Division. The Enforcement investigation will be conducted from the following designated District Office:

**Lansing District Office (866) 813-0011**

You may contact your designated District Office regarding any appointments or questions on documentation requested by the Investigator. **Failure to provide requested information or to keep scheduled appointments will cause the application to be returned to the Lansing office for cancellation.**

Since this request is a transfer under MCL 436.1529(1), approval of the local unit of government is not required. However, a copy of this notice is also being provided to **Local Governmental Unit** should they wish to submit an opinion on the application or advise of any local non-compliance issues.

Under administrative rule R 436.1105, the Commission shall consider the opinions of the local residents, local legislative body, or local law enforcement agency with regard to the proposed business when determining whether an applicant may be issued a license or permit.

Under administrative rule R 436.1003, the licensee shall comply with all state and local building, plumbing, zoning, sanitation, and health laws, rules, and ordinances as determined by the state and local law enforcements officials who have jurisdiction over the licensee. The licensee must obtain all other required state and local licenses, permits, and approvals before using this license for the sale of alcoholic liquor.

Approval of this license by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission does not waive any of these requirements.

MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION  
Retail Licensing Division  
(866) 813-0011

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cc: Lansing City Council  
Grand Ledge City Council



Revising CATA bus service to accommodate midtown residents  
December 16, 2019

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Presentation materials

1. Text of CATA requests
2. Map of inner city
3. Bus schedules (with route maps) for Routes 1, 3, 8--14, 16

Good evening, Council President Wood, City Council, and Mayor Schor,

I am Katherine Gleason. I have lived in midtown, Lansing, for most of the past 10 years, much of it at Capitol Commons near the corner of Kalamazoo and Pine. In recent years, my activities with voter registration have brought me into close contact with hundreds of my neighbors.

They have a variety of ideas on almost all topics except one: they all agree on wanting better access to CATA and to inbound CATA buses.

*PENDING*

With the appointment of Nathan Triplett to the CATA board, I want the Mayor, Council, Mr. Triplett and CATA to be aware of this important issue that impacts many vulnerable people who live in downtown Lansing.

The inbound buses that were once available to the residents of midtown Lansing have been rerouted to service government workers on Capitol and Allegan. More than 300 buses a day manage to bypass these residents and instead, cover, repeatedly, and uselessly, the same bit of road, over and over all day long. This goes on before and after government workers come in for the day and after they leave. It goes on all weekend when there are no government workers in midtown. Hundreds of buses roll down miles of otherwise-empty city streets more than half of the time.

**My first request** is on behalf of the two hundred and twenty seniors of Capitol Commons.

Best bus routes are #1 and #16. Overburdened routes include #3 and #9

#1 and 16 serve East Lansing in addition to inner-city Lansing and provide first-rate service. #3 and #9 route through some of the most disadvantaged neighborhoods in Lansing, where demand is high and the strain shows.

The attached (outdated, sorry!) maps illustrate the potential for making changes to the inbound routes of #9 and #16 in terms of improving service to midtown, while attempting to avoid waste and duplication and to ease the pressure on #3 and #9.

**The designated "Route 9" map attached illustrates the following:**

The #9 could return to the CTC via Kalamazoo/Pine/Lenawee rather than Allegan/Capitol/Lenawee. This bus is already overcrowded much of the time and the route is too long. This change would shorten the route and provide service to the most densely-populated corner of Ward 4 in midtown. (MLK/Butler on the West, Kalamazoo on the north, I496 to the south, to Grand Avenue-CTC.)

**The designated "Route 16" map attached illustrates the following. It may also be helpful to look at a Route 3 schedule and map.**

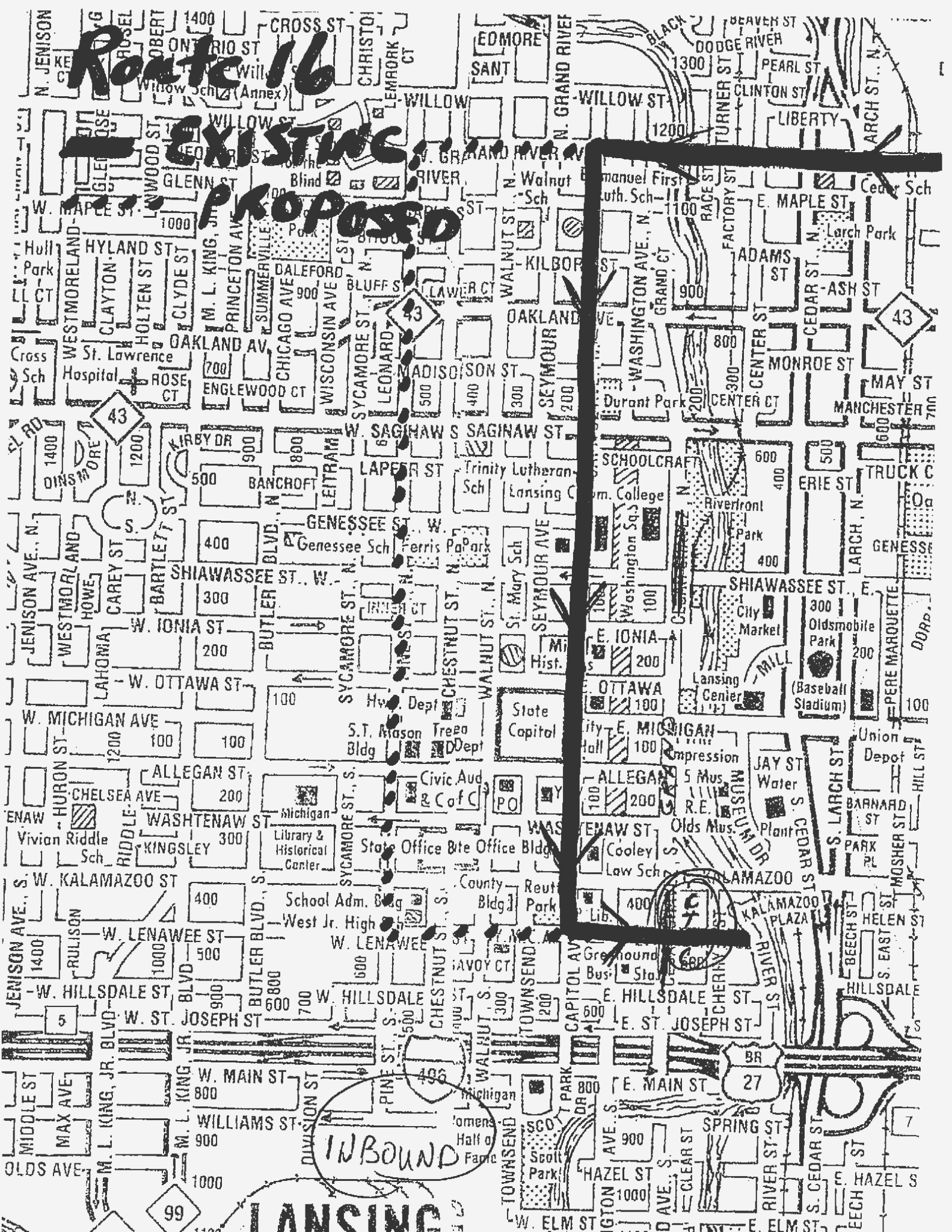
Inbound Route 16 currently returns to the CTC from Cesar Chavez, southbound down Capitol Avenue, to Lenawee. In that mile-long portion of the route, it exactly duplicates Route 14. We cannot afford to have two buses on the exact same route for this long distance, considering that nothing is available inbound/southbound down MLK, or inbound down Pine to Kalamazoo or Lenawee.

If #16 were to take Cesar Chavez to southbound/inbound Pine/Lenawee-Grand-CTC, then we would have our first inbound bus covering BOTH Pine and Lenawee (between Pine and the CTC). It would also serve to lighten the load of inbound Route 3, which now comes from Delta Twp moving east and turning south on Pine. Route 3 stays on Pine as far as Shiawassee, then turns southbound on Capitol Avenue. That does make #3 just one of 10 busses to return to the CTC via Capitol, but possibly this bus needs a break through "lighter" turf, given the heavy load it is carrying by the time it reaches Pine Street. The overlap for the two routes may be needed on Pine Street, given the population density of that section of Old Town.

As previously noted, we have TEN inbound buses on Capitol. There will be a need for multiple small adjustments which means other ideas will ALSO work. I offered two changes not just to increase frequency of service midtown, but to illustrate the probability that any or all of these changes could solve multiple problems.

**Route 16**

**EXISTING**  
**PROPOSED**



**INBOUND**

**LANSING**