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### **Mayor Schor’s First Executive Order Approved by Council**

(LANSING) – Tonight, Mayor Schor’s first Executive Order (EO 1) to reorganize city departments was approved by City Council. Under EO 1, the Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development is splitting into the Department of Economic Development and Planning (DEDP), directed by Brian McGrain and the Department of Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement, directed by Andrea Crawford. Also under EO 1, Code Compliance is moving into DEDP where it is a better fit than in the Fire Department.

“During the campaign it became apparent that we need to focus on engaging our neighborhoods. The Department of Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement places neighborhoods front and center in my administration, and will greatly improve the way we communicate with our residents,” stated Schor. “Thank you to my city council partners for proactively approving the Executive Order to help us move forward together on important community priorities.”

Crawford and her team will work directly with our community as we build citizen capacity and continue to enhance important neighborhood programs in Lansing, including Walking Wednesdays, Neighborhoods in Bloom, Block-by-Block and the quarterly Housing and Neighborhood Resource Summits. Additionally, Crawford is working to create and implement new programs such as Serve Lansing, a volunteer program, and our new citizen’s academy to further engage with our citizens. The department will also include the Office of Financial Empowerment, which previously operated under the Finance Department.

“Growing jobs and development throughout Lansing’s corridors is a top priority” Schor said. “Restructuring our city government to include the Department of Economic Development and Planning will help us strategically focus on economic development as we build Lansing according to our community’s vision and make job creation easier. We can be more strategic to target those neighborhoods, corridors and commercial areas in our city that need the most attention.”

Schor noted that overall, the executive order will better focus on two of the city’s most critical issues: strategic economic develop and neighborhoods. EO 1 was approved by unanimous vote of the Lansing City Council during Monday night’s meeting.

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