



OFFICE OF MAYOR ANDY SCHOR
124 W. Michigan Avenue – Ninth Floor
Lansing, MI 48933

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Tuesday, March 20th

CONTACT: Valerie Marchand
517-230-4904

City Hall Redevelopment Project Placed on Hold

Mayor Andy Schor's Team to Evaluate Regional Efforts

Lansing, MI – Mayor Andy Schor and his team have decided to pause plans of moving forward with the City Hall project until all of the important pieces have been finalized.

During the Bernero administration, it was decided that Beitler Real Estate Services had been selected to redevelop the current City Hall into a hotel and to redevelop the former Lansing Sate Journal building as a new City Hall.

“We are excited for the opportunity to redevelop the current City Hall into a hotel, and to have a City Hall that is a more functional building for residents and employees. Before we can do this, we need to know where our district courts and lock-up will be located. The decisions we make today will affect Lansing for 50 years or more, and we must prioritize courts and the lock-up before we can make decisions on relocation,” explained Mayor Andy Schor.

Fixing the current City Hall would cost upwards of \$55 million, not including the courts or lock-up. Utilizing these dollars to move to a more functional building while also having a new hotel in the downtown is a win-win for the City of Lansing.

This move would present an opportunity when it comes to courts and the lock-up. Regionalizing the courts could be an efficiency for all Ingham County residents, and we are open to that discussion. Additionally, combining the Lansing District Court lock-up with the Ingham County Circuit Court lock-up would save Lansing residents money, ensure greater safety of prisoners and staff, and create greater efficiencies. These options need to be explored as part of this process, and must come first in the discussion.

Schor said, “Lansing’s time is now, and we must ensure that we get this right for our future. As such, we will slow down the process so we can investigate all appropriate options for the courts, lock-up, old City Hall, and new City Hall.”

The City is planning initial meetings with regional stakeholders to determine if a regional approach is feasible.

###