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\*\*Youth and Family Led Candidate Forum to be Held in Midtown Detroit\*\*

**Detroit, MI, 7/18/2024** — The Children's Center, Michigan's Children, 482 Forward, Congress of Communities, and the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation are excited to invite you to a special youth and family-led candidate forum. This in-person event will take place at The Children's Center located in Midtown Detroit at 79 Alexandrine West, Detroit, MI 48201, on Thursday, July 18th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

We are extending this invitation to all candidates running for office in the 13th Congressional District, 1st State House District, 3rd State House District, 7th State House District, 9th State House District, and 16th State House District. Candidates were requested to confirm their attendance by Friday, July 12th at 5:00 p.m. in order to participate on the panel.

This forum is presented as a non-partisan activity and will follow a panel format, not a debate. The sponsoring organizations do not endorse any candidates. Each candidate will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and respond to questions prepared by members of the partner organizations, reflecting their lived experiences and the issues that impact their families and neighborhoods in and around Detroit.

Charlie Langton from Fox 2 News will moderate the forum, asking prepared questions before opening it up to the audience for additional questions. Topics to be addressed include early childhood, K-12 education, mental health, disability rights, access to healthcare, and bodily autonomy.

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