Statement on the Passing of Senator Carl Levin

I join Detroit, the State of Michigan and the Nation in mourning the loss of United States Senator Carl Levin. As elected officials, it is important to connect with the public and understand their plight. Sen. Levin was the consummate public servant and embodied that mantra. His civility and ability as a legislator was admirable and, more importantly, effective. Although retired, he remained a force for good in Detroit and around the World. I am proud to have had the opportunity to represent Sen. Levin as his council member as he remained in the heart of District 5 until his death. Sen. Levin, being a former Detroit City Council member himself, has always been an inspiration to me and his service helped me understand the significant calling on my life and the awesome responsibility that comes with the office.

Senator Carl Levin’s legacy lives on and we will forever be indebted to him and his family for his decades of public service. Job well done faithful servant, you will never be forgotten. Rest in heavenly peace and may God Bless your soul!

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Council Member Mary Sheffield represents the 5th District, which covers the lower eastside, downtown, the riverfront and central portions of Detroit. She is the chair of the Neighborhood and Community Services standing committee and a member of the Planning and Economic Development standing committee. She was first elected to office in 2013 and is the youngest person ever elected to City Council in the history of Detroit.