BEASLEY MEDIA GROUP, LLC
ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT
FOR STATION WMGC-FM
2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER, 2023
April 1<sup>st</sup> THROUGH June 30<sup>th</sup>

# ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE STATION WMGC-FM ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING IN THE SECOND-QUARTER, 2023

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### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS**

# WMGC PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES

## Inside Detroit (Sunday – 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.)

Mildred Gaddis Show: Locally-produced Public Affairs Recap Show aired Saturday mornings focusing on Metro Detroit issues such as Detroit policies, homelessness, victories, and defeats.

#### **SECOND QUARTER 2023**

INSIDE DETROIT April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 TIME: 6:00am – 7:00am TOPIC: DETROIT POLITICS

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Detroit City Councilwoman Mary Waters. They discussed her calling for an immediate halt to all pending Detroit Land Bank bundle sales of ten or more houses. She explained she called for the halt until audits are conducted to ensure that current occupants are afforded an opportunity to purchase the houses. Listeners called in with their reactions to the topic.

**LENGTH: 15 Minutes** 

#### TOPIC: CURRENT EVENTS LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed attorney David Jones. David Jones is the legal counsel representing Perfecting Church in Detroit. They discussed the recent report of the city of Detroit suing Perfecting Church for failure to complete the construction of their new building. Jones shared that the city filing the lawsuit was done in poor taste. Perfecting Church has been building its new location for over 20 years. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

#### TOPIC: DETROIT POLITICS LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Wayne County Executive, Warren Evans. They discussed Evans' recent State of Wayne County address speech. Evans also called for a state of emergency on the juvenile jail system of Michigan, citing there must be a better way to help the youth of the communities.

#### TOPIC: CURRENT EVENTS LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Sonya Greene, a retired nurse and owner of The Linwood Fresh Market. They discussed the grand opening of her store in the Linwood-Dexter Area. Greene explained the need for this store in the community. She shared that residents would have to travel blocks away just to get fresh produce. She also highlighted the support for her store has been tremendous since the store opened. Mildred commended Greene for her entrepreneurship and wished her the best of luck in the future. Listeners called in to congratulate Greene and for more information on her market.

INSIDE DETROIT April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

TIME: 6:00am - 7:00am

#### TOPIC: COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Shushanna Shakur of The Coalition for Property Tax Justice. Shakur discussed the Coalition's fight for lower property taxes for Metro Detroit citizens. They also discussed the recent press conference held by Wayne County Executive Eric Sabree and Congresswoman Rashida Talib. Shakur explained during the press conference the state's plans for housing assistance funds will be utilized for Detroiter's utility bills and overdue mortgage payments.

**LENGTH: 15 Minutes** 

TOPIC: FINANCE LENGTH: 10 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Aaron Sanders, President and Founder of Key Financial Solutions. Sanders shared with listeners the 2023 Building Small Business Credit. They also discussed Key Financial Solutions' upcoming finance classes and how listeners can join. Listeners called in with questions for Mr. Sanders.

#### TOPIC: SOCIAL JUSTICE LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Macomb County Prosecutor, Peter Lucido. They discussed the case of Mack Howell, a man wrongfully convicted of a 2014 robbery who was recently set free. Prosecutor Lucido explained that Howell's release was due to the Macomb County's Conviction Integrity Unit. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

#### TOPIC: NATIONAL POLITICS LENGTH: 20 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Attorney Linda Bernard. They discussed the recent criminal indictment of former United States President, Donald Trump. Linda Bernard is the only African American attorney to argue and win three precedent-setting cases in the Michigan Supreme Court. Listeners called in to weigh their opinion on the story.

INSIDE DETROIT April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

TIME: 6:00am - 7:00am

TOPIC: FINANCE LENGTH: 10 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Priscilla Perkins, President of The Accounting Aid Society. Mildred explained Perkins was named President and CEO of the company

in January 2022. Perkins shared with listeners tips to prepare for the upcoming Tax Day deadline. Listeners called in with questions for Mrs. Perkins.

#### TOPIC: CURRENT EVENTS LENGTH: 10 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed retired Detroit Police Chief and Author, Hilton Napoleon. They discussed his recent book, A Badge, A Gun, But No God: The Problems with Policing in America. Napoleon shared excerpts of his book with listeners. He also discussed his 35-plus years in law enforcement and how that shaped the narrative of his book. Listeners called in to commend Napoleon.

#### TOPIC: NATIONAL POLITICS LENGTH: 20 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed attorney and Yale Law School Professor, Florise Nevelle-Ewell. They discussed the ongoing indictment of former US President, Donald Trump. Nevelle-Ewell explained what will happen next in the legal process with Trump. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

#### TOPIC: NATIONAL POLITICS LENGTH: 20 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Tennessee State Representative, Sam McKenzie. They discussed the circumstances surrounding two Democratic members of the Tennessee House of Representatives that were expelled, while a third member was spared. McKenzie explained that he feels the expulsion was racially motivated. Listeners called in to weigh their opinion on the topic.

INSIDE DETROIT April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

TIME: 6:00am - 7:00am

TOPIC: LOCAL NEWS LENGTH: 20 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Political Strategist and Public Relations Expert, Greg Bowens. They discussed an article report from the Metro Times that shared Black Detroiters are leaving the city at an alarming rate. Listeners called in to react to the topic.

#### TOPIC: NATIONAL POLITICS LENGTH: 20 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed critically acclaimed author, poet, and journalist, Michael Harriot. They discussed Harriot's recent article in The Guardian, where he called the removal of the Black lawmakers in Tennessee a form of voter suppression. They also discussed his many other works for other public outlets. Listeners called in to weigh their opinion on the topic.

#### TOPIC: COMMUNITY OUTREACH LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Stephanie Williams of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority-Detroit Chapter. They discussed Williams' upcoming shred day event. Williams explained that this service is free of charge and is mainly geared toward seniors who need to securely dispose of sensitive. Listeners called in with questions for Ms. Williams.

INSIDE DETROIT April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

TIME: 6:00am – 7:00am

TOPIC: LOCAL NEWS LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Detroit Councilwoman Mary Waters. They discussed Waters recent calling for "Gun Free Zones" in Downtown Detroit after a rash of several shootings in the area. Waters explained that she called for the ordinance after back-to-back shootings in Greektown, that left a security guard dead. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

#### TOPIC: EDUCATION LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis shared a report stating that the Detroit Public Schools Community District would soon be cutting staff amid the depletion of Federal Covid Funds. She shared that the school district has received over a billion dollars over the last 3 school seasons. Listeners called in to weigh their opinion on the topic.

#### TOPIC: SOCIAL JUSTICE LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Rev. Dr. Vernon Howard, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) -- Greater Kansas City Chapter. They discussed the recent shooting of 16-year-old, Ralph Yarl, after he accidentally went to the wrong house to pick up his siblings. They also discussed the recent press conference Howard held, in protest of the actions. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

TOPIC: LOCAL NEWS LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis shared a report stating that the city of Highland Park is seeking bankruptcy in wake of a \$24 Million dollar water bill debt with the Great Lakes Water Authority. She also highlighted that the Michigan Supreme Court recently ruled in favor of the Water Authority. Listeners called in to weigh their opinion on the topic.

INSIDE DETROIT May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

TIME: 6:00am - 7:00am

TOPIC: FINANCE LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Diedre Davis, Vice President of Marketing and Communications at Michigan State University Federal Credit Union. They discussed the significant changes the Credit Union has made in Detroit and Wayne County. They also discussed the opening of their new branch in Downtown Detroit.

#### TOPIC: LOCAL NEWS LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Emmy Award winner and Business Editor for WDIV Local 4, Rod Meloni. They discussed Meloni's recent report sharing Stellantis offered buyouts to 33,000 employees. Meloni explained this comes amid the company's transition towards electric vehicles. He also highlighted the UAW called the move "disgusting". Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

#### TOPIC: LOCAL NEWS LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Highland Park City Councilman, Khursheed Ash-Shafii. They discussed the recent Michigan Supreme Court ruling ordering the city to pay a \$24 million dollar water bill debt to the Great Lakes Water Authority. Ash-Shafii explained the city is asking the state to appoint an emergency manager or to offer financial assistance to eliminate the debt. Listeners called in to weigh their opinion on the topic.

#### TOPIC: ICON TRIBUTE LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis dedicated the remainder of the show to honor the passing of Harry Belafonte, a barrier-breaking singer, actor, and activist. Belafonte passed away at the age of 96. Mildred highlighted that Belafonte was the first Black artist to ever chart at number one on Billboard's top album chart in 1956. She also

highlighted his pivotal role in the Civil Rights Movement. Listeners called in to pay their respects to the legend.

INSIDE DETROIT May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

TIME: 6:00am – 7:00am TOPIC: NATIONAL NEWS

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Attorney Todd Perkins of the Perkins Law Group. They discussed the death of New Yorkey, Jordan Neely at the hands of Marine Veteran, Daniel Penny in a New York subway car. Mildred explained according to reports, Neely, who was homeless, entered the subway train and began yelling at passengers. Things then turned physical, with Penny putting Neely in a chokehold, resulting in his death. Perkins highlighted that Penny has yet to be charged in his death and is still free. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

**LENGTH: 20 Minutes** 

#### TOPIC: LOCAL NEWS LENGTH: 20 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Wayne State University Professor, Dr. Stanley Berry. They discussed the lawsuit he recently filed against the university. Berry explained the lawsuit was filed in response to the university denying him full directorship of the OB/GYN department of the medical school. He highlighted this was done in retaliation for expressing concern of medical residents not offering the best of care to black pregnant mothers. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

#### TOPIC: EDUCATION LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed student advocate and former candidate for the Detroit Public Schools Board of Education, Monique Bryant and Richard Clay of Black Boys in Crisis. They discussed the recently revealed plans of the Detroit Public Schools Community District Superintendent, Dr. Nikolai Vitti. Mildred explained in his announcement that he plans to cut over 300 jobs across the district. Bryant highlighted, with the quality of education in jeopardy for the youth of Detroit, parents are rightfully concerned. Listeners called in to weigh their opinion on the topic.

INSIDE DETROIT May 21st, 2023

TIME: 6:00am – 7:00am TOPIC: SOCIAL JUSTICE

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#### TOPIC: MICHIGAN POLITICS LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Hollywood actor, New York Times Best Selling Author, and humanitarian, Hill Harper. Harper explained he intends to run for Michigan's next U.S. Senate seat that will be vacant at the end of Sen. Debbie Stabenow's term. Harper highlighted that he wants to be a servant of the people, explaining he has set up residence in Detroit, and operates several businesses within the city. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic and with questions for Mr. Harper.

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INSIDE DETROIT May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

TIME: 6:00am - 7:00am

TOPIC: LOCAL NEWS LENGTH: 20 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Pulitzer Prize and Emmy Award-Winning journalist, M. L. Elrick. They discussed his recent Detroit Free Press article highlighting the removal of the media from the Coleman A. Young Building in Downtown Detroit. Elrick explained the press formerly worked on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the building just outside of the mayor's office but was moved to the basement in 2010. He also explained what is next for the media and why city officials are being quiet on the matter. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

#### TOPIC: CURRENT EVENTS LENGTH: 15Minutes

Mildred Gaddis held an open-line segment discussing the legal issues in the case of a Detroit gas station clerk who locked a door to stop a possible theft, which led to the man shooting and killing an innocent bystander and injuring two others. Mildred highlighted the Wayne County Prosecutor said laws were broken, however the defense attorney for the clerk said not so fast. Listeners called in to weigh in on the story.

#### TOPIC: ICON TRIBUTE LENGTH: 20 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis dedicated the remainder of the show to honor the passing of NFL Legend, Civil Rights Activist and actor, Jim Brown. Brown passed away at the age of 87. Mildred highlighted the NFL records he smashed in the 50's and 60's. She also highlighted that he appeared in more than 50 TV and film projects and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1971. She shared audio from his ESPN documentary, "Jim Brown: The Athlete, The Actor, The Man". Listeners called in to pay their respects to the legend.

INSIDE DETROIT June 4th, 2023

TIME: 6:00am – 7:00am

TOPIC: SOCIAL JUSTICE

LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony, President of the Detroit Branch of the NAACP. They discussed the NAACP's recent call for a travel ban to the state of Florida, citing concerns over anti-black legislation. Anthony, who is serving his 15<sup>th</sup> term as President of the Detroit Branch, condemned the governor of the state for his actions. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

TOPIC: CURRENT EVENTS LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Rev. Tellis Chapman, Senior Pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. They discussed his campaign for President of the National Baptist Convention. Chapman explained that the convention is the nation's oldest and largest African American religious convention with an estimated membership of 7.5 million people. Mildred commended Chapman for his work in the community and wished him luck in his campaign.

#### TOPIC: SOCIAL JUSTICE LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Dr. Adora Nweze, President of the Florida State Conference NAACP. They discussed the travel ban placed on the state of Florida by the NAACP. Nweze shared her firsthand experiences on what is going on in the state. Mildred commended Nweze for work in the community. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

#### TOPIC: ICON TRIBUTE LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis dedicated the remainder of the show to honor the passing of The Queen of Rock & Roll, Tina Turner who passed away at the age of 83. Mildred highlighted the many accomplishments and hardships Tina faced coming up in the industry. Listeners called in to pay their respects to the icon.

# INSIDE DETROIT June 11th, 2023

TIME: 6:00am - 7:00am

TOPIC: COMMUNITY OUTREACH LENGTH: 20 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Michelle Gilbert, Vice President of Public Relations for the Heartland Region at Comcast. They discussed Comcast: RISE, a program aimed at boosting the economy of businesses and their communities. Gilbert explained that Comcast will award 100 small businesses in the Metro Detroit Area a monetary grant of \$5000, in addition to creative production makeovers and other essential resources. Mildred commended Gilbert for this program. Listeners called in with questions for Ms. Gilbert.

#### TOPIC: MICHIGAN POLITICS LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Kevin Tolbert, International Representative of the UAW and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the NAACP Detroit Chapter. They discussed what direction of leadership for the newly drawn 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of

Michigan. They also discussed the area the district now covers and who would be the best candidate to lead. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

#### TOPIC: BLACK MUSIC MONTH LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Singer, songwriter and former contestant on The Voice, Beth Griffith-Manley. They discussed the impact of National Black Music Month and the history of the celebration. Mildred highlighted that Beth is the daughter of Motown Legend, Johnny Griffith of the Funk Brothers. Beth shared with listeners what new projects she is currently working on.

INSIDE DETROIT June 18th, 2023

TIME: 6:00am - 7:00am

TOPIC: JUNETEENTH LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Rev. Charles Williams, President of the Detroit Chapter of the National Action Network (NAN). They discussed the upcoming NAN Annual Juneteenth Freedom Awards Celebration. Rev. Williams highlighted the award recipients. Mildred commended Williams for his work in the community.

#### TOPIC: CURRENT EVENTS LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Kamilia Landrum, Executive Director of the Detroit Chapter of the NAACP. They discussed the need for volunteers in preparation for the annual Detroit Walk to Freedom events. Landrum highlighted this years events will commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Walk to Freedom with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

#### TOPIC: LOCAL NEWS LENGTH: 10 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Chad Livengood, Politics Editor and columnist at The Detroit News. They discussed his recent article that highlighted Michigan may need a new deal to keep automakers in Detroit. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

#### TOPIC: NATIONAL POLITICS LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed attorney and Yale Law School Professor Florise Neville-Ewell. They discussed the federal indictment of former President Donald Trump and the revelation of the detailed charges. Neville-Ewell explained the public charges state Trump gravely mishandled government documents. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

INSIDE DETROIT June 25th, 2023

TIME: 6:00am – 7:00am
TOPIC: LOCAL BUSINESSES

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Detroit City Councilwoman Angela Whitfield-Calloway. They discussed the Detroit City Council passing an ordinance for businesses to accept cash payments during transactions. Whitfield-Calloway explained the 'Cashless Business Ban' applies to vendors at Ford Field, Comerica Park and Little Caeser's Arena. She also highlighted that businesses who don't comply would be fined up to \$500 for not accepting cash. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

**LENGTH: 15 Minutes** 

#### TOPIC: JUNETEENTH LENGTH: 20 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Mark Jones, Regional Manager Customer Specialist for DTE Energy. Jones was one of the several honorees at the National Action Network's Annual Juneteenth Freedom Awards Celebration. They discussed his role and DTE Energy and his work in the community.

#### TOPIC: MICHIGAN POLITICS LENGTH: 15 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Detroit News columnist, radio talk show host, and author, Bankole Thompson. They discussed the most recent WCCCD Global Conversations Speaker Series featuring actor and humanitarian, Hill Harper. Thompson explained Harper honored the late Harry Belafonte, as well as his plans to run for the Senate seat held by Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

## WMGC 105.1 PSA Activity

Each of these PSA's aired April 1st, 2023 – June 30th, 2023, between the hours of 12 a.m. - 12 midnight.

MAB (MI Assoc of Broadcasters):	156
Stand up to Cancer:	120
Earth Justice:	4
Foster Care:	3
Veterans:	25
GED:	3
CDC Overdose:	3
No Kid Hungry:	3
YMCA:	3
Natl Pest Ticks:	23
American Humane Society:	22
Alzheimer's:	23
Child Care:	24
Nourishing:	22
Smile Train:	21
TOTAL:	455