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## **City of Westland Welcomes Former City Councilman James Godbout as Deputy Mayor and Ali Awadi as Facilities Director**

Westland, MI – The City of Westland is pleased to announce the appointment of former longtime Westland City Councilman James Godbout as Deputy Mayor and Ali Awadi as Facilities Director. Both of them bring years of education, talent, and experience to the table.

Mr. Godbout received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Marketing and Administration, and Marketing from Lawrence Technological University. He has worked in many leadership positions during his career that have included Sales Director for SymCom for their global team, Vice President of Midwest Recycling, and a 23 year long tenure serving the residents on Westland City Council.

During his 23 years on the Westland City Council, Mr. Godbout demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to the residents, including serving several years as Council President. Here he worked on a multitude of projects including the new City Hall building, improvements on local parks, and much more. We are excited to watch him step into this new role and are looking forward to seeing what he adds to our city as Deputy Mayor.

Mr. Awadi has a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from Walden University bringing extensive knowledge to the team. He has taken on many roles within his professional career including, but not limited to Graduate Professor at Cleary University and an adjunct Professor at Henry Ford College. He also served as Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police for Allegheny College. These positions, alongside his comprehensive education, will prove to be an asset to the City.

"In their new capacities, both Mr. Awadi and Mr. Godbout will work with the team here at Westland City Hall to serve the residents with pride, integrity and passion," stated Mayor Kevin Coleman. 'I look forward to seeing their accomplishments and I have full faith that both will bring fresh innovation to the City of Westland."

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The City of Westland, Michigan's 10<sup>th</sup> largest city, has a population of more than 85,000 residents and is located in western Wayne County; just minutes from downtown Detroit, 2 airports and major freeways. The City of Westland's Executive Branch is led by full-time Mayor Kevin Coleman. The Legislative Branch consists of seven City Council members.

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