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## **City of Westland Welcomes Former State Representative Alex Garza as Economic Development Director**

Westland, MI – The City of Westland is pleased to announce the appointment of former State Representative Alex Garza as the new Economic Development Director. In this key role, Mr. Garza will play a pivotal part in driving economic growth, fostering community partnerships, and enhancing the overall business environment in Westland.

Mr. Garza brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his new position. He holds degrees in Business Management, Political Science, and Public Policy, providing a well-rounded foundation for his role in economic development. With a strong commitment to public service, Mr. Garza served as both Mayor Pro-Tem of the city of Taylor and State Representative, where he played a pivotal role in shaping policies that positively impacted businesses and local communities.

During his four years on the Michigan House of Representatives committees on Regulatory Reform and Local Government and Municipal Finance, Mr. Garza demonstrated exceptional leadership and advocacy skills. He successfully worked towards streamlining regulations and creating an environment that makes it easier for businesses to interact with both state and local governments. His efforts have directly contributed to the growth and success of businesses across the state.

In his new capacity, Mr. Garza will collaborate with local businesses, community leaders, and government officials to implement strategic initiatives that align with Westland's economic development goals. His extensive knowledge of legislative processes and community engagement will be instrumental in attracting new businesses, fostering innovation, and strengthening the city's economic foundation.

"We are thrilled to welcome Alex Garza to our team as the Economic Development Director. His proven track record and passion for fostering business-friendly environments, coupled with his local and state legislative experience, makes him the ideal choice to lead Westland towards a prosperous future. I look forward to the positive impact he will undoubtedly have on the economic landscape of our city," said Mayor Kevin Coleman.

Mr. Garza expressed his enthusiasm for the opportunity, stating, "I am honored to join the city of Westland as the Economic Development Director under the leadership of Mayor Coleman. I am committed to working collaboratively with the community and stakeholders to create an environment that encourages entrepreneurship, investment, economic prosperity and business development. Together with the community, we will build a thriving and resilient economy for the benefit of all residents."

The City of Westland looks forward to a successful future under Mr. Garza's leadership in economic development.

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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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