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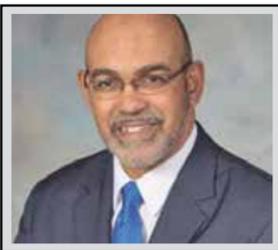
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Quick Hits

Don't miss out on county's property tax help

By Charles Sercombe

For homeowners who are struggling to pay off delinquent property taxes, the Wayne County Treasurer's Office has some good news.

And that is: you can enroll in a payment assistance plan.

But, you only have another week to get on board. The deadline to enroll in the county program is March 31.

"We don't want anyone to lose their home or property to foreclosure, and we have taxpayer assistance programs to help you," said Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree.

The Treasurer's Office offers has three different assistance programs for eligible taxpayers. Here's a quick overview:

1. Stipulated Payment Agreement (REGSPA)

For taxpayers who qualify, REGSPA provides a structured agreement to repay delinquent property taxes over time, helping households move toward compliance through clearly defined payment terms. If you owe back taxes and need a manageable plan to pay them, this may be the right option for you.

2. Distressed Owner/Occupant Extension (DOOE)

If you are an owner-occupant facing financial hardship, DOOE is designed to give you additional time to resolve delinquent taxes while you work to remain in your home. This program recognizes the real challenges that families face, and provides flexibility for those who need it most.

3. Interest Reduction Stipulated Payment Agreement (IRSPA)

IRSPA offers eligible taxpayers a payment plan that may include reduced interest charges, easing the overall cost of repaying delinquent taxes. For those who qualify, this program can make a difference in what you ultimately owe.

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Former St. Lad's Church is once again up for sale

By Charles Sercombe

It's got some wear and tear from its long history, and it's for sale.

The former St. Ladislaus Church is back on the market, still searching for a new owner.

Yes, a new owner. Two years ago, the Detroit Archdiocese decided to close down the church because there weren't enough parishioners to make it financially viable to remain open.

Those parishioners were invited to become a part of the St. Florian Parish.

About a year ago, local investors bought the Caniff property, but a proposal to turn it into a medical center fell through.

So, once again, the possibilities of what the building could be used for are open to your imagination.

But, there's still one caveat about entering into a sale. The Archdiocese has a restriction on what it can be used for: they won't allow an "un-becoming use."

Just precisely what that means is unclear, but, according to Hamtramck-based real estate agent Ben Bawazir, "un-becoming use" means,



St. Ladislaus Church has been closed for a few years, and the building is still up for sale. But the Detroit Archdiocese has a restriction on what the property can be used for. File photo

ans, for one thing, it can't be turned into a non-Christian house of worship.

Which means that turning it into a mosque is forbidden.

That played a factor, said Bawazir, in a few offers being withdrawn.

"There were a lot of requests to open it as a mosque," he said.

It also might mean that converting the building into a nightclub that serves alcohol is also forbidden – an idea that a few local folks have kicked around recently.

The building was constructed in 1952,

when Hamtramck's population was still soaring – at that time, around 50,000 people.

A lot has changed since those days. Hamtramck's population eventually declined to about 18,000 in the 1980s, and the city's Catholic population, which was most of the residents in the town at one time, had moved on to the suburbs.

The asking price for the building is \$1.1 million, and it comprises about 5,600 square feet, and includes 20 parking spaces next to it. That parking lot is

shared with a charter school, Caniff Liberty, which owns another 20 parking spaces on the other half of the parking lot.

As for the restrictions on use, Bawazir said you could always challenge it in court.

Of course, that has no guarantee to succeed, and would also cost money for legal fees.

In the meantime, Bawazir said the relisting of the church has spurred "a lot of calls, but no serious offers."

Interested?

You can reach Bawazir at (313) 424-9962.

Dos Locos Tacos diner says it's adios due to the economy

By Charles Sercombe

It's no surprise that restaurants come and go here in Hamtramck.

In general, restaurants face tough challenges to stay afloat, mostly due to constant rising costs and labor issues.

Several months ago, there was a wave of closings that included Balkan House, California Burgerz, and Hello Shawarma.

You can now add (or rather, delete) Hamtramck's only taco joint, Dos Locos Tacos on Jos. Campau and Caniff, located in the former New Martha Washington Bakery.

The bakery, long an icon in Hamtramck, itself closed almost a decade ago after many years of being in business.



Hamtramck's restaurant scene continues to shrink with the recent closing of Dos Locos Tacos on Jos. Campau.

The closing of Dos Locos Tacos, which then opened eight years ago in that spot, caught the attention of several folks on Hamtramck social

media. Former State Rep. Abraham Aiyash was an occasional customer, and he wished owner Mike Petrack the best.

"Glad you're leaving on your own terms. Thanks for keeping us fed all these years!" Aiyash said.

So what's the reason for this closing?

Petrack said, on social media, it was a combination of things but, mostly, it came down to costs.

"Unfortunately, the last few years have seen the cost of food, insurance, utilities and all of the other unnoticed necessities, climb faster than I could justify hiking prices to keep up," Petrack said.

"We set out to serve our community, and provide quality food that was accessible to the people who lived there. Unfortunately, it's not economically possible to do that anymore."

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City council takes rare action in censuring colleague

By Charles Sercombe

It appears the honeymoon is already over for city councilmembers.

Recently, the council voted to censure newly-elected councilmember Yousuf Saed for a comment he posted on social media that allegedly disparaged some fellow councilmembers.

What he said, exactly, was not mentioned during the council's discussion at its Feb. 24 meeting.

But, according to some who are familiar with the matter, Saed made a comment on his Facebook page in Arabic, and called some fellow councilmembers "clowns" – or something to that effect – over a resolution that had been passed.



Councilmember Yousuf Saed

That comment can no longer be found on his Facebook page.

Councilmember Saed has not previously held public office, and has only been on council for two months. The Review reached out to Saed for comment via his city email, but he did not respond.

Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiri appeared to be the most offended by what Saed called him, but his explanation was not clear due to his limited English-speaking ability.

"Never someone speak anything bad for our council," Alsomiri said.

Saed is not the first councilmember to face censuring in recent years. Back in 2019, former Councilmember Ian Perrotta was censured for language he used while talking about a matter with a city employee.

At the time, Perrotta apologized for what he said, but his relationship with most of his council colleagues was increa-

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It also often comes down to the amount of hours restaurant owners – especially those with smaller restaurants – have to work to stay afloat.

"It's just not worth it for me anymore," Petrack said. "I have other opportunities that are better money for way less work. I wanna hang out with my kid and not work 60 hours a week."

A year ago, though, Petrack also blamed the politics of elected officials and city hall.

He said Hamtramck took a hit to its businesses, and turned off investors, due to the city's anti-gay messaging, from when it banned the display of pride flags on public property.

"The tide started turning when the flag bull—happened," he said.

Petrack continued: "They might as well have hung a sign on the freeway that said 'Disposable income not welcome.'"

"That, coupled with the sharp increase in

rents, has made Hamtramck less attractive to the type of people who go out to eat. Why live in a noisy, homophobic place with beat-up rental stock when you can live in Corktown for the same price?"

The closing of Dos Locos Tacos also comes at a time when the musical venue Sanctuary, located just around the corner from the restaurant on Caniff, is about to shut down and relocate to Detroit – taking its liquor license to boot.

According to a source, that imminent closing also played a part in the restaurant's demise, since a number of the bar's customers would often grab a taco after shows.

On top of this, the Detroit City Football Club will close out its final season at Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck this year – meaning that a number of local bars and restaurants that have previously enjoyed business from those soccer fans will dry up.

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singly on the rocks after that.

A censure carries no punishment, but rather is a public reprimand – or public shaming – that does not remove a councilmember from office.

It simply criticizes a member for his or her behavior or conduct.

The council's censure read, in part: "Councilmember Saed published a post on his personal Facebook account that contained derogatory and demeaning language directed at fellow members of the Hamtramck City Council regarding votes those members had cast on prior matters before the Council; and the publication of such content undermines the decorum, mutual respect, and collaborative spirit that are essential to effective and

transparent city governance. ..."

Councilmember Saed denied using foul language in his post, saying the word he used "wasn't a bad word or anything. Just an opinion for four people."

Saed also accused Alsomiri of telling him how to vote on resolutions facing the council.

"How many time did you push me to vote for somebody for resolution," he said.

Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury attempted to play the role of peacemaker, but it didn't change much.

"I wish it didn't come to this point. Things got heated up," Choudhury said. "This isn't necessary to censure somebody – unless it's an extremist way that person behaved."

Mayor Adam Alharbi, who chairs council meetings, also tried his hand at offering an olive branch.

He said Saed was "wrong with his comment, but it's not to the point where he needs to be censured."

Councilmembers who voted in favor of Saed's censure included: Mohammed Hassan, Muhtasin Sadman, Abu Musa and Alsomiri. Those voting against the resolution

were Councilmembers Choudhury and Saed.

The council has not held a meeting since Feb. 24. The next meeting is scheduled for March 24.

Quick Hits

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The process to get started is straightforward, and you can begin it online right now, or make an in-person appointment by calling (313) 224-5990:

- Visit the Treasurer's Payment Plans page at WayneCountyMI.gov/Treasurer

- Review program details and eligibility requirements to find the plan that best fits your situation

- Complete the appropriate application – having your property information and tax notice details ready will help speed up the process

- Submit your application before March 31, 2026

Important reminder:

Once enrolled in a payment plan, you must continue to make all payments on time to remain in the program.

Not sure which program is right for you?

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- Payment Plans Email: wctopaymentplans@waynecountymi.gov

- Online: waynecountymi.gov/Government/Elected-Officials/Treasurer/Payment-Plans

This week at the Library . . .

March 20, 2026

Medicare: A team from Priority Health will conduct a meeting answering questions about Medicare options. The next presentation will take place on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 2:15 pm.

Philippine Islands: On March 24, 1934 these islands in the South Pacific were granted independence by President Franklin D. Roosevelt after nearly 50 years of American control.

Exercise at the Library: The RIM Foundation was begun exercise classes again this fall. On Tuesdays, its back to Yoga at 2:30 pm. and on Fridays, it is Tai Chi at 10:00 am. To register for the program, stop by the library circulation desk.

Three Mile Island: On March 29, 1979, near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a nuclear power plant accident occurred in which uranium in the reactor core overheated due to the failure of a cooling valve. A pressure relief valve then stuck causing the water level to plummet, threatening a catastrophic nuclear meltdown. The accident resulted in the release of radioactive stream into the atmosphere, and created a storm of controversy over the necessity and safety of nuclear power plants.

Story Time: These programs conducted by the library staff are scheduled for Wednesdays afternoon at 4:00 pm. All children are invited.

President Ronald Reagan: On March 30, 1981, newly elected President was shot in the chest while walk-

ing toward his limousine in Washington, D.C., following a speech inside a hotel. The President was then rushed into surgery to remove a 22-caliber bullet from his left lung. "I should have ducked", Reagan joked. Three others were also hit including Reagan's Press Secretary, Janes Brady, who was shot in the forehead but survived. The president soon recovered from the surgery and returned to his duties.

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In Our Opinion

Elected officials need to play by the rules

Despite growing pressure from some members of the public, Hamtramck's city council continues to insult the community.

How's that? The council has turned a deaf ear to criticism that it's improper to keep adding items onto its meeting agenda without giving the public any prior heads up.

One case in point was the recent last-minute agenda add-on to hire a new city manager. That's right, the public was not given

any prior notice for something as important as bringing on board a new city manager.

Adding items onto the council agenda at the last minute is reserved only for matters that need immediate and urgent attention.

Hiring a city manager is not something that should get shoved on to a meeting agenda without giving anyone advance notice, and reeks of deceitfulness.

Why the last-minute need to consider such an important matter like hiring a city manager?

This is also unfair to the city manager who was hired. This process casts a shadow on the procedure, giving the appearance of a backdoor deal done behind closed doors.

Why in the world would the mayor and council usher in a new city manager in such an underhanded way? Both the mayor and city council need a reset. This is not the way to conduct the business of the community.

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City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Feb. 10, and all council members, except for Muhtasin Sadman, were in attendance.

It was announced that no-interest loans for small businesses are now available from Amanah Financing.

In a note to council, it was said:

"This program is designed to expand access to capital for entrepreneurs who may face barriers with traditional lending, including start-ups and existing small businesses.

"The loans through this program are available to all, and were designed to offer an Islamic-compliant lending option to those who need it. Eligible applicants must live in or operate a business in Hamtramck, and have basic business registration documentation. In addition to financing, ProsperUs Detroit offers technical assistance to help entrepreneurs strengthen their businesses."

Residents and business owners interested in learning more or applying can find additional details at: prosperus-detroit.org/amanah/

Mayor Adam Alharbi asked the council to add another item on to the

meeting agenda. That item was whether to hire Adel Al-Adlani as the new city manager.

The council agreed to add that item to the agenda for discussion later in the meeting.

During public comment, Ibrahim Aljahim complained about an employee in the Public Works Department who did not respond to an inquiry from a community business owner for two weeks.

"That's a poor job," Aljahim said.

He also said that community members are complaining about the city tax department director's "attitude and demeanor, and the way she acts when citizens come to city hall."

James Hines of Belmont complained that he is still being billed for water usage even though his house was damaged in a fire and he cannot inhabit the structure until it's repaired.

"Why are we paying for water we're not using?" he asked.

Mayor Alharbi said it's his understanding that there is still a sewerage charge even if water is not being used.

A man urged the council to hire Adel Al-Adlani as city manager, saying he has "extensive expe-

rience in this field."

The resident also advised against creating a new position of deputy city manager.

"The city cannot handle the creation of a new position that currently does not exist," the resident said.

The resident also said the council should suspend Councilmember Mohammed Hassan until his court case is cleared up. (Hassan is facing felony charges of election fraud.)

"He (Hassan) puts his nose in every matter in the city," the resident said. "He directs the city manager what to do and blackmails everyone in the city."

Bill Meyer took issue with the council adding items onto the agenda at the start of meetings.

He said the matter of hiring a city manager should have been made known days before the meeting in order for the public to comment on the proposal.

"Is this intentional?" Meyer said. "Are you trying to cover something up, or so people won't talk about it? That's bad politics."

Moving on to new business, the council approved auctioning four city

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Odds & Ends

Correction ... In last week's print issue, it was incorrectly reported that city manager Adel Al-Adlani was the only Yemeni-American candidate for the city manager position. One other candidate who made it to the final round for consideration is also a Yemeni-American. The Review apologizes for the error.

Reminder ... School students may not be old enough to vote, but they can participate in the upcoming November election.

How's that? Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson is once again inviting students to enter the "I Voted" sticker contest.

The contest proved to be popular in 2024, with Benson calling it a "massive success."

"This year, we look forward to seeing the creative ways Michiganders of all ages celebrate democracy. Submit your entry to help us continue the tradition, and get voters excited to cast their ballot this fall," she said.

Secretary Benson laid out the rules: "Michiganders who wish to enter the contest must select one category, and can submit one design. The categories are elementary/middle school (grades K-8), high school (grades 9-12), and general entry (open to Michigan residents of all ages)."

Entries are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 1. Designs must be non-partisan, completed on an official entry form available at Michigan.gov/IVotedSticker, and must include the phrase "I Voted." Artwork must be original, not AI-generated, and must not contain copyrighted or trademarked designs.

The public will have the opportunity to vote for finalists online throughout the month of June. Winners will be announced later in the summer, and will receive special recognition from the MDOS. The winning sticker designs will be provided to local election clerks for the November Election, to give out to voters in their jurisdictions.

In 2024, the state received over 480 submissions for the sticker contest.

Spring is in the air ... OK, maybe this past couple of weeks tested our patience over waiting for warm weather to arrive, but today, Friday, March 20, brings us a little bit more hope.

That's because today is the official first day of spring.

So, what's the weather forecast for the next week or so?

Well, don't pack away your sweaters yet. The next week calls for temperatures to be in the high 40s, and maybe flirt with 50 degrees. Heck, at this point, we'll take it.

Mayor offers concerns ... Hamtramck Mayor Adam Alharbi joined a host of other elected officials who offered their sympathies to the Jewish community in West Bloomfield who was targeted in a recent attack at a synagogue.

Alharbi said on social media that the assault "is deeply troubling. No one should ever feel unsafe going to a place of worship. We stand in firm solidarity with the affected families and the entire community across Michigan."

"Hamtramck is a city built by many communities and many faiths. We may come from different backgrounds, but we all share the responsibility to stand against violence and hate in any form."

"Every person deserves to pray, gather, and practice their faith without fear. Our city will always stand for safety, respect, and unity among all communities."

Merchant meeting ... Discover Hamtramck has a special offer for local businesses.

The group is working with the city and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to share some resources for your

Hamtramck business.

They have put together a Merchant Meeting for next month, Thursday, April 23 from 7-9 p.m. at the Motivational Museum (we have a "motivational museum"...?), 9342 Jos. Campau.

The idea is to have business owners connect with their fellow local entrepreneurs, share ideas, and "learn about some powerful resources available to help your business start, grow and thrive."

Featured speakers and resource partners include:

- **PROSPERUS Detroit:** They support immigrant and minority entrepreneurs with business trainings, "microloans," and one-on-one technical assistance

- **ACCESS:** They provide business development services, funding guidance, and community support for entrepreneurs

- **The Arab American Women's Business Council:** They empower businesswomen through mentorship, networking, and business growth resources

- **The Michigan Economic Development Corporation:** They offer statewide programs, grants, and economic development tools to help businesses expand and succeed

- **The Hamtramck Downtown Development Authority:** Yes, our very own DDA, who works to strengthen and revitalize the Jos. Campau corridor between Caniff and Holbrook, in particular, through business support, community initiatives, and local investment

Whether just beginning your business or already underway, it should be a day for you to pick up some valuable information, and maybe even some info that could lead to a little valuable funding.

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CRIME LOG

By Charles Sercombe

This week's crime Log covers March 10-16.

Tuesday, March 10

• A domestic fight was reported in the 12000 block of Oklahoma. In an unrelated incident, a suspect was arrested in the 2200 block of Danforth for domestic assault.

• A complaint about noise was made in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
• A domestic assault was reported in the area of Dequindre and Caniff.

• At about 5 a.m., officers responding to a call about a group of males breaking into vehicles in the area of Edwin and Lumpkin chased the suspects. One suspect was later arrested, and a vehicle being used by the suspects was impounded.
• A vehicle was reported stolen in the 2600 block of Whalen.
• A stolen vehicle was recovered on Trowbridge. Another stolen vehicle was recovered in the area of Edwin and Brombach.
• A driver was arrested on Vincent for reckless driving.
• An assault was reported in the 3000 block of Evaline.
• Family trouble was reported in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau.

made about an animal in the area of Conant and Lehman.

• A hit-and-run accident was reported on Holbrook.

• A theft was reported in the 11400 block of Moran.

Friday, March 13

• No incident report was available for this date.

Saturday, March 14

• A suspect was arrested in the 12000 block of St. Aubin for domestic assault.

• A domestic fight was reported in the 2000 block of Caniff.

• A theft was reported in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.

Sunday, March 15

• Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 11600 block of Gallagher.

• A suspect was arrested in the 2600 block of Casmere for assault.

• A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 3900 block of Yemans.

• An assault was reported in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau.

• A theft was reported in the 11300 block of McDougall.

• A complaint was made about an animal in the 3200 block of Caniff.

• Family trouble was reported in the 11600 block of McDougall.

• Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 2300 block of Botsford.

• Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth, and in the 3800 block of Norwalk.

• Fireworks were reported in the area of Conant and Jacob.

Monday, March 16

• A hit-and-run accident happened in the 11700 block of Dyar.

• A vehicle was reported stolen in the 2300 block of Commor.

• A domestic assault was reported in the 9200 block of Conant.

• A hit-and-run accident happened on Moran. Another hit-and-run accident was reported on Conant.

• Trespassing was reported on Holbrook.

• A stolen vehicle was recovered in the 11500 block of St. Aubin.

Wednesday, March 11

• Officers located a stolen vehicle in the area of Poland and Brombach, but the person driving sped away.

• An attempted vehicle theft was reported in the 2300 block of Poland.

• A complaint was made about a group of juveniles in the 9500 block of Gallagher who were causing a disturbance.

• Officers recovered a gun from a business on Holbrook.

• A suspect was arrested for an assault that happened in the 9400 block of Conant.

• A reckless driver was reported in the area of Selfridge and Circle Dr.

• A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of Evaline.

• A reckless driver was reported at Jos. Campau and Evaline.

• A child was found in the area of Brombach and Yemans.

• A complaint was

Thursday, March 12

• A complaint was

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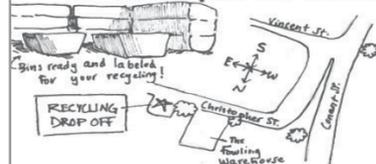
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vacant lots. The silent auction runs until April 1, when bids will be opened.

The lots being auctioned off are located at: 2352 Carpenter, 11804 Dyar, 11798 Dyar and 5184 Yemans.

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A discussion was held on a resolution to hire Adel Al-Adlani as city manager.

Mayor Alharbi, who championed the hiring of Al-Adlani, said it's important for the city to choose a leader "who has the skills, education, motivation, and will be a true partner in moving our city forward."

Alharbi said he's also looking into streamlining city operations.

Council member Nayeem Choudhury objected to hiring someone at this point, saying this new council has only been in office for two months.

"We should wait," he said. "We have an acting manager in the position right now. ... We need to be fair. We need to really have more options, more time to evaluate this candidate. No need to rush."

Alharbi said that this is why a sub-committee was formed to conduct a search and interview candidates.

Choudhury wasn't buying it.

"This sounds like a single-man decision," he said.

Choudhury also cautioned the council, saying that the city is being sued by a former city manager and others.

"This city cannot bear those lawsuits continuously," Choudhury said. "The city does not produce enough revenue to continuously pay lawsuits."

He asked the council to delay the hiring, and recommended the council discuss this and other city business in a closed session, without the city attorney or interim city manager.

Councilmember Abu Musa said he trusts that the sub-committee made a good decision in this recommendation.

All but Councilmember Choudhury voted in favor of hiring Al-Adlani as city manager.

In a related action, the council discussed whether to recommend the new city manager hire the existing interim city manager as deputy city manager.

Councilmember Choudhury predicted that the interim city manager, Alex Lagrou, won't "get along working with the city manager."

He said appointing Lagrou will likely end up in a lawsuit against the city.

The council agreed to discuss the matter in a closed session.

(Lagrou later resigned.)

In the second round of public comment, another resident said that the matter of hiring a new city manager should have been included on the meeting agenda before the meeting, in order for the public to have input.

"If you know the candidate is good, put it on the agenda beforehand so it can be discussed," he said. "No more last-minute resolutions on the agenda."

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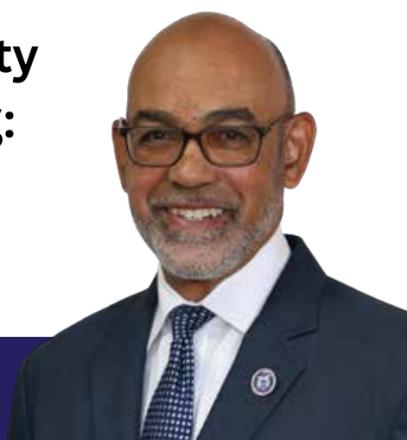
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