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Township Board of Trustees
Charter Township of Van Buren
46425 Tyler Road
Van Buren Township, MI 48111

Subject: Planning Commission Annual Report for 2018

In accordance with P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended, MCL 125.3801 et seq, Michigan Planning Enabling Act, please find the attached annual report regarding the Planning Commission activities for 2018. The report is summarized as follows:

Public Hearings: The Planning Commission held seven (7) public hearings.

Preliminary Site Plan Approvals: The Planning Commission granted four (4) preliminary site plan approvals.

Final Site Plan Approvals: The Planning Commission granted nine (9) final site plan approvals.

Special Land Use: The Planning Commission approved one (1) special land use and recommended one (1) special use approval to the Township Board.

Site Plan Amendments: The Planning Commission granted three (3) site plan amendments.

Temporary Land Use Approvals: The Planning Commission granted five (5) temporary land use permits.

Rezoning Recommendations: The Planning Commission made two (2) rezoning recommendations to the Township Board.

Zoning Text Amendment Recommendations: The Planning Commission made two (2) zoning text amendment recommendations to the Township Board.

Tree Removal Permits: The Planning Commission granted one (1) tree removal permit.

Public Participation Plan: The Township is engaged in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Redevelopment Ready Communities Program. As part of the certification process, the Planning Commission recommended a public participation plan for approval by the Township Board.

Subaru Development Agreement: Subaru has begun construction on its 60,000 square foot automobile research and development center. The facility, located on 76 acres along Michigan Avenue, will employ approximately 100 workers and be the company's North American Headquarters. This is a significant development for Van Buren Township.

Other Items of Note: Piston Automotive is opening a location in Van Buren Township. Though it did not go through the Planning Commission, it is a significant development in the Township. The auto parts



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manufacturer is spending roughly \$16.7 million to lease approximately 150,000 square feet of space on Haggerty Road and will bring 118 jobs to the community.