

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

MARY HALL-RAYFORD, KAREN
BELTZ, KAREN MOURADJIAN, and
CYNTHIA FEDERLE,

Case No.: 22-cv-12714
Hon. Terrence G. Berg

Plaintiffs,

v.

MONIQUE OWENS, in her individual
capacity and official capacity as Mayor
of Eastpointe, and CITY OF EASTPOINTE,
a political subdivision of the State of Michigan,

Defendants.

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CONSENT DECREE

This matter comes to the Court on stipulation and agreement by and between
the above-captioned parties, through their respective counsel of record.

WHEREFORE, upon the consent and request of the parties, IT IS HEREBY
ORDERED that:

1. The City of Eastpointe shall remove from all future City Council meeting agendas, and shall not enforce, the language requiring members of the public to “direct their comments to the Council as a body, not to an individual member of Council or the public.”
2. During public participation periods at City of Eastpointe City Council Meetings, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, members of the public may direct and/or express comment, criticism, or praise to and regarding public officials.
3. This Court will retain jurisdiction to enforce this Consent Decree and the terms of the parties’ Settlement Agreement.

Date: March 14, 2024

s/Terrence G. Berg
Hon. Terrence G. Berg

Approved as to form:

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