

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING & REGULATORY AFFAIRS
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM
MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL
SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION

Daniel Patru,
Petitioner,

v

MTT Docket No. 16-001828

City Of Wayne,
Respondent.

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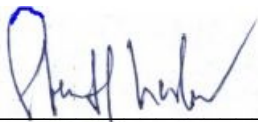
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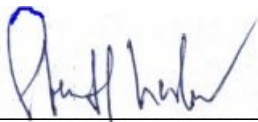
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I hereby certify that true copies of the attached were sent on the entry date indicated below to the parties or their attorneys or authorized representatives, if any, utilizing either the mailing or email addresses on file, as provided by those parties, attorneys, or authorized representatives. A true copy of the document was also sent to the applicable County Treasurer by mail or email, if the document was a Final Opinion and Judgment.

By: /s/ Janelle Campbell, Tribunal Clerk

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