

Testimonial Resolution

Mr. Burk Bardwell a.k.a. "Seven, the General"

WHEREAS Burk Bardwell, a.k.a. Seven the General, was born and raised on the west side of Detroit. Like many other young African American males, Burk Bardwell became enamored of gang culture and lifestyle of the street. These influences would catch up with young Burk at the age of 17, when he was sentenced to state prison where he would spend 9 years behind bars for an assault that he did not commit; **and**

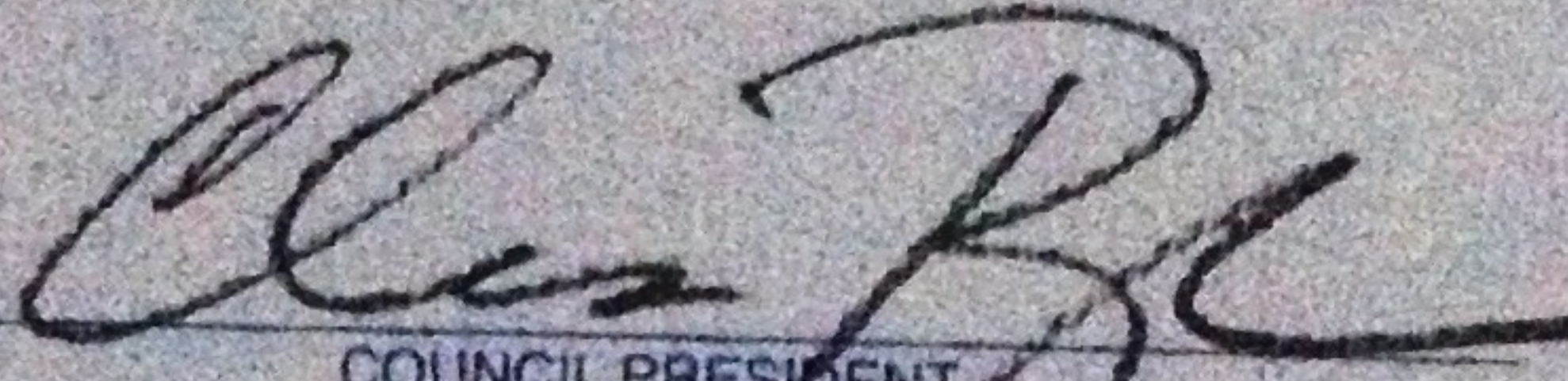
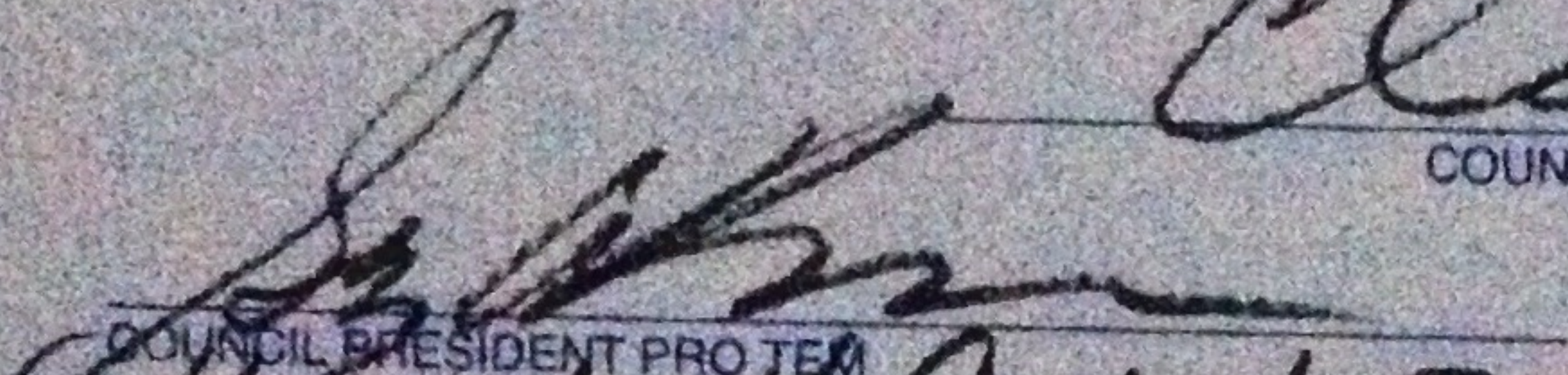
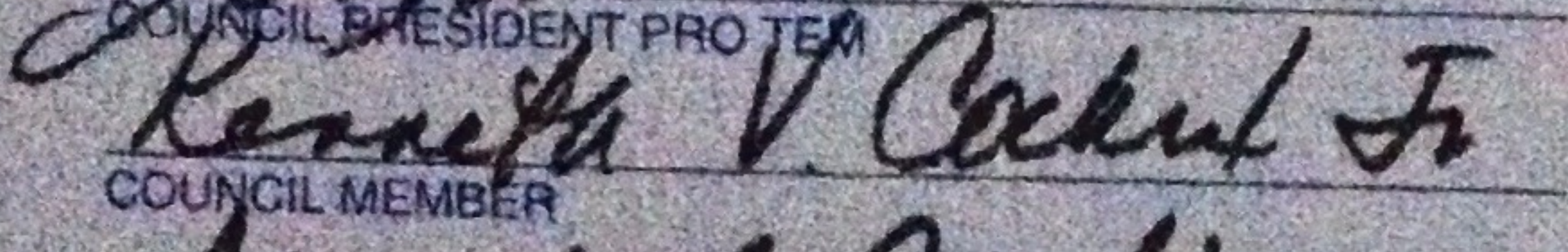
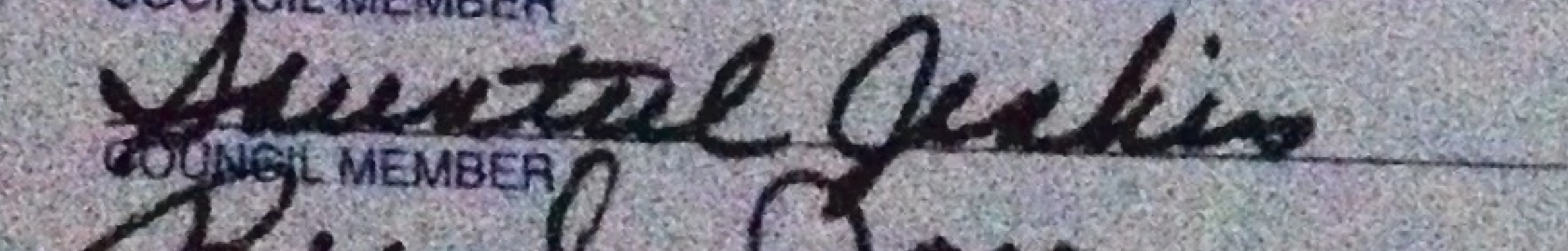

WHEREAS Upon his release, Burk Bardell demonstrated that he had earned his rank, medals, and 4 stars, wisdom, intelligence, creativity, and self-discipline. "Seven the General," Burk Bardell would unleash his artistic genius and pursue Rap/Hip-Hop with a unique style and point of view that would catch the attention of the Owner of Legendz Entertainment, Vik Prenti. Seven the General would go on to open up for major acts such as Young Jeezy, 36 Mafia, Bun-B of UGK, Fat Joe, and Young Dro; **and**

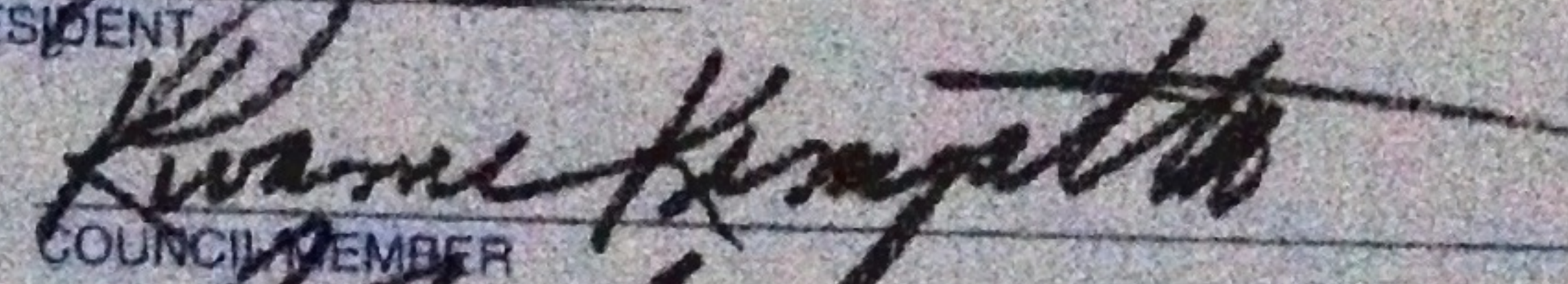
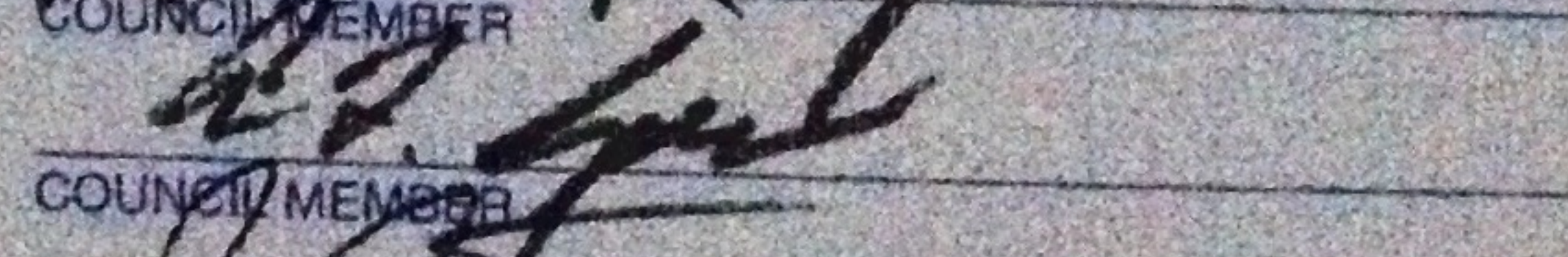

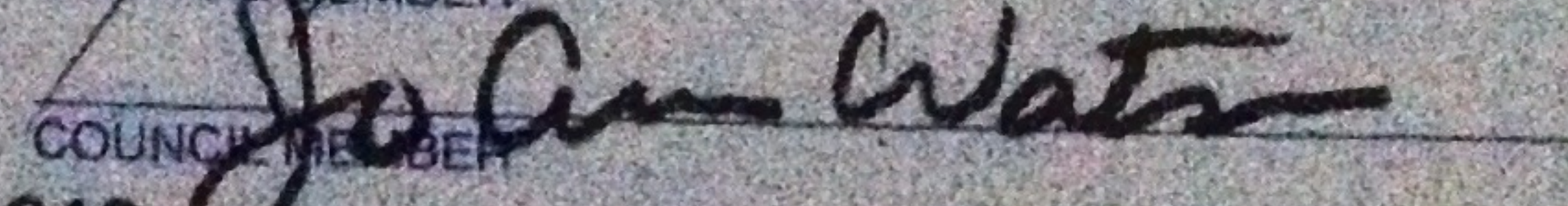
WHEREAS "Seven the General," a reformed gang member from Detroit, now mentors youth and is an activist in the same community he once took part in tearing apart. Seven the General artistic abilities allow him to deliver a message that provides a stark, authentic and vivid depiction of life in prison that captures the attention of young people; **and**

WHEREAS In 2010, Seven the General is planning the release of his long awaited debut solo album, "Sun Tzu of the City," in addition to an assault of mixtapes....The Sanctum Santorim first, then "the KILLYOSELF" mix tape vol.1, also the highly anticipated follow up to the "WINDOWS TO MY SOUL" soundtrack (Book by Yusef Shakur that also details how they both met in prison). The "BASTARDS OF THE PARTY" mix tape is being recorded with Author Yusef Bunchy Shakur; **and**

WHEREAS Seven the General has performed for over 10,000 people at the 2006 Summer Jams at the State Fair Grounds, but his heart is devoted to supporting charitable and community events such as FM 98 WJLB's Coats for Kids every year, COTS homeless shelter CHRISTMAS TOY give away, and Central High School Gun Awareness. With his legacy of overcoming incarceration, artistic innovation, and youth mentorship, Seven's reputation will cement him as the Detroit's next hip-hop legend; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Honorable Members of the Detroit City Council salute and proclaim MR. BURK BARDELL, a.k.a., SEVEN THE GENERAL, as the ranking officer in Detroit's army of redemption for our youth, neighborhoods, and hip-hop culture.


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