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TO: Elana A. Rugh, Executive Director
Detroit Historical Society

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division

DATE: March 10, 2021

RE: 2021-2022 Budget Analysis

Attached is our budget analysis regarding your department's budget for the upcoming 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

Please be prepared to respond to the issues/questions raised in our analysis during your scheduled hearing on **Friday, March 12, 2021 at 3:00 pm**. We would then appreciate a written response to the issues/questions prior to your budget hearing. Please forward a copy of your responses to the Councilmembers and the City Clerk's Office as well.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding our budget analysis.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Attachments
Issues and Questions

cc: Councilmembers
Auditor General
Jay Rising, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Tanya Stoudemire, Chief Deputy Chief Financial Officer
Steve Watson, Budget Director
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Historical Museum

FY 2021-2022 Budget Analysis by the Legislative Policy Division

The City of Detroit's \$500,000 general fund contribution to the Historical Museum is in the Non-Departmental budget for FY 2022 (page B281 of 2022-2025 Four-Year Financial Plan).

Issues and Questions

- 1) Please briefly explain the Historical Museum's new expense initiatives, new capital funding requests, operational reform and savings proposals, and new revenue initiatives/proposals to be implemented in FY 2022.
- 2) The 2021-2022 Recommended Budget includes \$500,000 for historical operations. How will these funds be used to assist in the operations of the Historical and Dossin Great Lakes Museum?
- 3) What affect has the pandemic had on the operations at the Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lake Museum? When do you anticipate things to improve?
- 4) What exhibits/programs are planned for the rest of FY 2021 and for FY 2022?
- 5) On the Statement of Activities for FY 2019 and FY 2020, the Change in Net Assets without Donor Restrictions Before Gains and Losses increased from \$(1,289,104) to \$136,537. Please explain why this occurred.