



City of Detroit

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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: Conrad Mallett, Corporation Counsel, Law Department
April Faith-Slaker, Executive Director, Office of Eviction Defense

FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council

DATE: January 30, 2023

RE: Request for Report on 36th District Court Cases falling within Right to Counsel's Guidelines

This memorandum is an official request of the Law Department and the Office of Eviction Defense to provide a report that will address how many of the cases within 36th District Court fall within the Right to Counsel's contract guidelines. The ordinance calls for all-covered individuals who face eviction proceedings in 36th District Court or in housing-related administrative proceedings which threaten the occupancy of their homes, to be afforded a right to legal representation by counsel. As we look to properly fund the ordinance, this data is extremely important, so we know the true need to ensure representation of every case that falls under the ordinance.

After the discussion held in the Budget, Finance, and Audit Standing Committee on January 25th, my office is respectfully requesting a report that includes the data above. If you have any questions, please contact Caryn Shannon from my office at caryn.shannon@detroitmi.gov.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk