



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

MARY SHEFFIELD
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Policy Division (LPD)
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: April 4, 2022
RE: Request for Drafting of Resolution to Urge a Change in State Law to Allow Tax Credits for Overassessment

Our office has previously requested resolutions and ordinances be drafted regarding property tax reform. During the Office of the Chief Financial Officer budget hearing, Council received information that state law is prohibiting the development of tax programs for those over assessed to receive compensation. As Detroit City Council President, I will continue to address the inequity and inaccuracy in property tax assessments and support the necessary changes to give our citizens what they deserve.

My office is requesting a resolution from the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) urging a change in state law that would allow for tax credits to be used by those who were over assessed. These citizens should be credited up to a certain amount per year in the amount that they were overtaxed. Property tax overassessments has remained a constant issue in Detroit. Without this resolution urging a change in state law, we would not be able to offer this option of relief to over assessed individuals.

Please contact Caryn Shannon from my office at caryn.shannon@detroitmi.gov if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk