



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

MARY SHEFFIELD
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director, Legislative Policy Division
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: May 23, 2022
RE: United Electric Subcontractor Issues

My office has received numerous complaints about racist and other discriminatory behavior from a City-funded subcontractor United Electric Contractors. These allegations are very serious, and if true, the City of Detroit should not be in business with this company. Please provide answers to the following:

- Please list all development projects in Detroit in which United Electrical Contractors is a designated contractor or subcontractor.
- What legal repercussions can the City take to hold accountable so-called “Bad Actor” contractors and subcontractors?
 - What enforcement or penalties, including disbarment or abatement clawbacks, can the City undertake to reprimand bad actors?
 - Are subcontractors held to the same enforcement standards as the primary contractor?
- Do City contractors and subcontractors have to abide by a code of conduct on City development projects?
- What is CRIO’s role in investigating instances of onsite racism and other discriminatory behavior?

Please contact Ari Ruttenberg from my office at ruttenberga@detroitmi.gov if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk