



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Lighting Authority

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway *AWC*

DATE: March 8, 2023

RE: 2023-2024 Public Lighting Authority Budget Questions

The office of Council Member Angela Calloway respectfully submits the following questions to the Public Lighting Department as a part of the 2023-2024 budget hearing process.

1. **QUESTION:** During the recent winter storms, many contractors for the Detroit Public Lighting Department (PLD) and Detroit Public Lighting Authority (PLA) were released from municipal job assignments to clear storm damage. Did these crews go to outstate locations like Livingston County or did these crews stay within the Detroit city limits to restore service to Detroit residents? In the future, can PLD and PLA direct DTE Energy to use these crews to prioritize the restoration of power to Detroit residents?
2. **QUESTION:** Can PLD and PLA crews be trained to handle high power lines to help restore power to Detroit residents after storms? What would be the cost of such a re-training program? Does PLD have a crew left to handle storm damage? Does PLA have crews available to handle storm damage?