



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

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gina Avery-Walker, Director
Department of Elections

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway *AWC*

DATE: March 8, 2023

RE: 2023-2024 Department of Elections Budget Questions

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

1. **QUESTION:** Detroit continues to rank the lowest amongst major cities for eligible voter participation in both local, state, and national elections
 - a. What is the strategy to improve our Get Out to Vote efforts? Increase voter engagement across all age groups? And specifically target our non-voters and would be first time and second time voters? This group includes our young adults.
 - b. Does the City Clerk's office support automatic voter registration?
2. **QUESTION:** The FY 2024 budget proposes \$470,000 for Voter Education & Outreach. Please describe what your "aggressive voter outreach programs" are and how they have changed since the pandemic.
3. **QUESTION:** Please describe what the software for managing poll workers is and what it does. Also, please explain what the proposed additional funding for poll workers is going to pay for.
4. **QUESTION:** Please explain how you are preparing for the 2024 and the 2025 election cycles considering the current vacancy rate in your department. Do you anticipate having all necessary positions filled?