



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tammi Daniels, Executive Director, Detroit Land Bank Authority
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: March 13, 2023
RE: DLBA 2023 Budget Hearing Questions

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- Please provide a current inventory list of DLBA properties, including lots, residential properties, and commercial properties. How has the DLBA's portfolio changed since the previous fiscal year?
 - What is the status of the Nuisance Abatement Program? How many properties have been seized using the program?
 - What is the reason for the decrease in revenue and sales during the current fiscal year FY2022?
 - Please provide a breakdown of the \$11 million contribution from the General Fund to the DLBA for FY2024. What is the reason for the increase of \$480,000 from FY2023?
 - Who is responsible for the cost of cutting and maintaining DLBA lots? Does the DLBA or GSD budget over the cost?
 - What is the status of the proposed policy change to allow City Council Members to act as eligible endorsers for the Community Lot Program?
 - What is the status of the Occupied Buy-Back Program? How many residents have completed the program and successfully purchased their home? How many residents entered the program but did not complete it?

- Are there any new disposition programs introduced during the current Fiscal Year as well as any upcoming programs slated to roll out in FY2023-24? What is the process for creating and implementing property disposition programs? Are new disposition programs required to receive City Council approval before implementation?
- The Budget states that the DLBA receives ad valorem taxes for five years on properties sold to private owners. What is the total amount of tax revenue the DLBA has received from the sale of properties to private owners?
- What is the number of budgeted positions for FY2023 and current number of vacancies in the DLBA? With the DLBA no longer involved in demolitions, have the number of FTEs decreased?
- How many homes have been sold under the Own it Now Program? How many complaints have been received since the inception of the program? How is rehabilitation worked monitored? Are there minimum standards contractors must abide by?
- How many DLBA properties do not currently have working service line connected to the main water line? Does the DLBA track such information? Who is responsible to hooking up a service line to the main line?
- Who pays for flooding and running water fees for DLBA properties? Is DWSD, the Land Bank, or the potential purchaser responsible for any fees? Are DLBA properties regularly checked for basement flooding?