



City of Detroit Detroit City Council

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TO: The Honorable Janice Winfrey, City Clerk
THROUGH: Mary Sheffield, City Council President
FROM: Mary Waters, Councilmember, At-Large
RE: Questions on Department of Elections' FY 2024 Budget

- What is driving the approximately 30% YoY reduction in Operating Services spending? What are some examples of Operating Services costs that are projected to decrease YoY, and what is the cause of the decrease?
- What are some examples of operating supplies will not be purchased/not purchased in the same quantities as for the 2022 general election that will drive the approximately \$15,000 YoY decrease?
- Why are election costs being weighted approximately 80% towards the Primary with only approximately 20% allocated to the General?
- How many contract election workers are estimated to be needed for 2024? Does this number vary between Presidential Primary, General Primary (FY24 and FY25 budget), and General Election (FY25 budget)?
- Is the signature verification software a one-time purchase or is it an ongoing subscription? If it's a subscription, why are the costs increasing each year and not contractually locked-in?