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COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 6

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tammy Daniels, Chief Executive Officer
Detroit Land Bank Authority

THRU: Council Member Mary Sheffield, Council President

FROM: Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero 

DATE: March 16, 2023

RE: FY 2023 – 2024 Budget: Detroit Land Bank Authority

Thank you for your presentation. Please provide a response to the following questions and concerns:

1. City Council recently approved FY 2022 -2023 Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers that included a \$2,000,000 citywide blight survey. Please provide a detailed description of the blight survey.
 - a. What's the timeline of the survey?
 - b. How can the City utilize the findings of the completed survey?
2. Last year, the Detroit Land Bank Authority indicated that it was developing a 5-year strategic plan. Please provide an update on the strategic planning process.
3. It was noted last year that there was a “gaping hole” for marketing and communications to promote programs. What has been done to improve community awareness of DLBA programs?
4. During a presentation, it was shared that DLBA had improved on several metrics related to customer service.
 - a. What are the target metrics for the upcoming fiscal year?
 - b. Does the department have sufficient funds and staffing levels to achieve the target metrics?
5. Are you planning to implement any additional programs in the upcoming fiscal year?
 - a. Are there any plans to expand any of the existing programs in the upcoming fiscal year?

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions. Thank you.

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Cc: Honorable Detroit City Council
Louise Jones, City Clerk's Office
Malik Washington, City Council Liaison