



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: Neil A. Barclay, J.D. President & CEO, Museum of African American History
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: April 17, 2023
RE: Museum of African American History (MAAH), Budget Hearing Questions, Fiscal Year 2023/2024

SUMMARY:

1. To date, has the museum received any ARPA funding? If so, how has that money been used?
2. What is the rate of employee turnover at the museum? Is the museum currently experiencing any staffing shortage?
3. The museum hosts several ongoing sustainability initiatives that focus on three core impact areas: water, energy, and waste. What results have you seen from those initiatives? What is the educational impact of those initiatives and programs?
4. As we continue to transition back to normal, what protocols does the museum have in place to ensure member and public safety?
5. The museum provides a range of educational opportunities for children. One of the opportunities is Museum Educator, which offers classroom talks, assemblies, and interactive workshops that enhance a child's knowledge in social studies, language arts, and geography. Does the museum still provide Museum Educator? What analysis can the museum provide proving that this opportunity strengthens the youth's ability to excel in school?
6. Does the museum have any severe infrastructure needs?

Please contact Caryn Shannon from my office at caryn.shannon@detroitmi.gov if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk