



## CITY OF DETROIT

MARY SHEFFIELD

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mark Lockridge, Auditor General, Office of the Auditor General

**Through:** Council Member Fred Durhal, Chair, Budget, Finance & Audit Standing Committee

**From:** Council President Mary Sheffield submitting memorandum relative to

**Date:** 3/27/2023

**RE:** Office of the Auditor General (OAG), Budget Hearing Questions, Fiscal Year 2023/2024

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#### SUMMARY:

1. What is the OAG's rate of employee turnover? Is the office currently experiencing a staffing shortage? If so, what are the barriers to filling these positions?
2. How many auditors does the office currently have? How many auditors is necessary to provide timely audit reviews?
3. How many audits has the office completed for FY 22-23? How many audits does the department have pending? What is the audit completion goal of FY 23-24?
4. In FY 2024, there is a \$64,000 increase in the budget for salaries and wages and a \$14,000 decrease in employee benefits. What is the reason for this inverse relationship?
5. Are the salary requirements in the department up to date with other cities and municipalities? Are the salary requirements competitive to retain and attract talent?
6. Part of the OAG's mission is to examine and evaluate city activities to improve accountability for public funds and to improve operations of city government. How does the office meet this goal? What operating programs and services does the office provide that aligns with this goal?
7. One of the goals of the office is to improve the auditing and consulting capabilities of the OAG staff. How will the office achieve this goal in FY 24? Has the OAG done an audit

on the efficiency and effectiveness of the office? If not, does the office plan to do a review? If so, what is the projected completion date?

8. Another goal of the office is to expand activities to include Enterprise-wide Risk Management. What activities does the office plan to expand? What does Enterprise-wide Risk Management include?

Please contact Caryn Shannon from my office at [caryn.shannon@detroitmi.gov](mailto:caryn.shannon@detroitmi.gov) if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues  
City Clerk

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