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To: Councilwoman Latisha Johnson, Detroit City Council District 4
From: Jay Rising, Chief Financial Officer 
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Re: **Responses to Budget Questions**

Please find below responses to your questions sent on March 27, 2023, regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

1. Please discuss the \$1.75 million in one-time blight remediation funding in FY 2024. Please describe the impact of this program, including the 17 positions that support this program, on OCFO's operations in FY 2024.

The \$1.7 million in Blight Remediation funding represents the personnel costs for 17 positions in the OFCO that are dedicated to blight remediation support.

2. Where are the 12 vacancies in the OCFO's office and how do they impact the department's ability to carry out its operations?

As of the March 24, 2023 pay period, there are currently 366 filled positions and 12 FY23 General Fund vacancies in OCFO. Vacancies are located in the following divisions:

- 4 in Assessor (59 filled, 63 funded)
- 3 in Contracting and Procurement (32 filled, 35 funded)
- 1 in Development and Grants (24 filled, 25 funded)
- 3 in ODFS (107 filled, 110 funded)
- 2 in Treasury (56 filled, 58 funded)
- (1) in Controller (52 filled, 51 funded, with FY24 increase to 53 FTE)
- Budget and CFOs office are fully staffed

These vacant positions are essential in maintaining the operations of the OCFO. As noted in the OCFO budget presentation, the OCFO took a significant reduction in FTEs in the 2022-2023 budget. To maintain and improve services to taxpayers and the public, a restoration of a portion of the reduction has been requested in addition to the retention of these vacant positions.

3. OCFO's goals and strategic priorities appear to greatly overlap with the OAG's goals and priorities. Have the departments considered integrating aspects of their routine activities?

As organizations with similar goals but different responsibilities, the OFCO and OAG are more complementary rather than redundant entities. OAG is empowered under the Charter with responsibilities related to the audit of financial transactions, performance, and operation of City agencies. OCFO is charged, by State statute, with the supervision and coordination of all financial and budget activities of the City.