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TO: Council Member Latisha Johnson

FROM: Willie C. Donwell, Director, Property Assessment Board of Review

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RE: Responses to 2023-2024 Budget Questions

I respectfully submit the following responses to your questions sent on March 27, 2023, regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget for the Property Assessment Board of Review.

## 1. Does the Board currently have any board member vacancies? What about staff?

Currently the Board of Review only has one vacant position and there is ongoing discussion with the Council Member's office to fill the vacancy as quickly as possible. As for staff, by ordinance support staff is provided to the Board by the Office of the Assessor. We work closely together to fulfill the needs of the Board as evidenced in both Board of Review and the OCFO's presentations.

## 2. Does the Board believe the FY 2024 budget is enough to manage all request it receives?

With the requested increases operations will flow much smoother, the true consideration needs to be given throughout the planning stages over the next two years as we build out software. We need to make sure as we train staff, appropriate compensation is provided so that we do not lose our professionals once trained.