



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

**STATEMENT CONCERNING LOCAL-OPTION
ADMISSIONS TAXES IN MICHIGAN**

TO: General public

FROM: Angela Whitfield Calloway, Council Member *awf*

DATE: September 3, 2025

RE: Local-Option Admission Taxes

Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway supports the findings of the September 2025 Citizens Research Council of Michigan report, "Evaluating Local-Option Admissions Taxes in Michigan". The 46-page report found:

- Detroit is one of the few major cities in the U.S. that does not levy an entertainment/amusement/admissions tax. While this means the city is not taking advantage of a revenue source commonly used by other cities, it also means that the city can learn from the processes and experiences of the others.
- Depending on how an authorizing state law would define the base and the tax rates authorized, Detroit could yield upwards of \$50 Million from an admissions tax.
- Revenues from an admissions tax could be used to enhance city services, diversify the city's revenue streams, provide property tax relief, and put into a fund that could be used to draw major nation events to the city.

Council Member Calloway supports some type of admissions tax to increase city revenues and urges the Michigan Legislature to study the report and enact enabling legislation that will allow Detroit and other Michigan cities to take the necessary steps to levy an admissions tax.

Council Member Calloway will continue to advocate for lower municipal property taxes and will urge any future city administration to use most of admissions tax revenues for this purpose. A ten percent admissions tax rate could lower the Detroit property tax rate by 5.7 mills. This will make Detroit a more competitive place to live, work and play.