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TO: Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
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RE: Modifications to the DLBA MOU

The Legislative Policy Division (LPD) has been requested by Council Member Mary Waters to capture the language identified in a memorandum directed to LPD and Corporation Counsel to be included in the Third Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Detroit and the Detroit Bank Authority (DLBA). LPD does not have the authority to unilaterally include language in the MOU. However, LPD notes that on September 16, 2025, Council Member Waters convened a meeting in LPD's office. In attendance was Council Member Waters and her staff, the Director of Building Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED), the Director of Housing and Revitalization Department (HRD), the Director of the DLBA and DLBA staff as well as LPD. At the meeting Council member Waters provided the DLBA and representatives of the administration with requested modifications for consideration to the DLBA MOU. The modifications acceptable to the administration and DLBA should be reflected in the most recent draft of the DLBA MOU, of which at the time of this writing LPD does not have a copy.

Please call upon us if we can be of further assistance.