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TO: Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director
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RE: Resolution Urging Transfer of Occupied Property of the DLBA to HRD and P&DD

The Legislative Policy Division (LPD) has been requested by Council Member Mary Waters to draft a resolution urging the Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA) to transfer title to its inventory of occupied properties to the City of Detroit and allow the Housing and Revitalization Department and Planning and Development Department to utilize its resources to facilitate the rehabilitation and ownership of the properties to the occupants. LPD submits the attached resolution for City Council's consideration.

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

**RESOLUTION URGING THE DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER THE
OCCUPIED PROPERTIES TO THE CITY OF DETROIT**

SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARY WATERS

WHEREAS, The mission of the Detroit City Council is to promote the economic, cultural and physical welfare of Detroit's citizens and residents through Charter-mandated legislative functions; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA) has in its inventory approximately 700 properties that are occupied in its inventory, many of which are technically uninhabitable in violation of City Code requirements for safe and habitable housing; and

WHEREAS, The DLBA does not have the necessary resources to temporarily relocate the occupants of these 700 properties while the properties are being rehabilitated nor the funding to rehabilitate the properties to a safe and habitable condition for the occupants to reside in safely; and

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit (City) is the recipient of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Redevelopment Section 108 Loan funding which in accordance with U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, CFR 570.703 can be utilized for the purpose of relocating persons in need of temporary housing and utilized for the purpose of housing rehabilitation projects in collaboration with eligible subrecipients; and

WHEREAS, The City's Housing and Revitalization Department (HRD) and the Planning and Development Department (P&DD) have the charge and authority to develop and initiate programs, to finance, underwrite, and administer housing and community investments that enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, The P&DD and HRD are properly situated to undertake the temporary housing of the approximately 700 occupants of the DLBA occupied homes and the utilization of the HUD Section 108 Loans for the purpose of developing a project of rehabilitation of the approximate 700 homes in collaboration with eligible subrecipients; **BE IT THEREFORE**

RESOLVED, The Detroit City Council urges the Detroit Land Bank Authority transfer to the City of Detroit the approximately 700 properties that are occupied in its inventory and urges the City Administration to establish a programmatic framework that allows HRD and P&DD to utilize their abilities and resources including but not limited to HUD, Section 108 Loans for the purpose of relocating persons in need of temporary housing and the rehabilitation of the houses in collaboration with eligible subrecipients; and **BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be provided to Mayor Duggan; Detroit Land Bank Authority, CEO Tammy Daniels; Director, Housing and Revitalization, Julie Schneider; and Director, Planning and Development, Alexa Bush.