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TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director
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DATE: February 9, 2026

RE: Wayne A. Ramocan, Sr. Request to Speak Before City Council

During Formal Session on January 27, 2026, City Council requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) provide an analysis of whether Wayne Ramocan's petition to speak before Council involves matters that are within the authority of the Detroit City Council.

Rule 22 of the Rules of Order for the Detroit City Council provides the procedure for persons wishing to address the Council. The Rule requires the petitioner to provide "a paragraph stating their standing and/or interest in the subject matter." Mr. Ramocan's petition states that his intent is to discuss "Reform on Unfair Property Tax Fees and Interest" and for City Council to address "unfair practices by the Wayne County Treasurer's office.

Mr. Ramocan's petition does not address his specific standing and/or interest in the subject matter. However, he states that he is a resident of District 4 and therefore he is presumably subject to the property tax fees and interest that he wishes to discuss. The responsibilities and authority of county treasurers are largely prescribed by the Michigan General Property Tax Act, and City Council lacks the authority to regulate the practices of the county treasurer. Nonetheless, the Council may wish to allow Mr. Ramocan to speak in order to gain further understanding of the issues that he is facing and to potentially advocate for the solutions that he proposes. The Council may also seek further clarification regarding the reforms that Mr. Ramocan is seeking, as the petition is vague and does not state any specific harms or solutions related to the actions of the Wayne County Treasurer's Office.

Please contact our office if you require any further assistance in this matter.