



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

**REQUEST FOR A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 292
ENDING PROPERTY TAXES FOR SENIORS**

TO: David Whitaker, LPD Director

FROM: Angela Whitfield Calloway, Council Member *awc*

DATE: May 16, 2025

RE: Request for a resolution for ending property taxes for seniors

Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway proudly supports Senate Bill 292, sponsored by Senator Michelle Hoitenga of Cadillac, which would eliminate property taxes for Michigan residents aged 70 and older. This bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection for consideration.

Detroit residents feel the financial burden of high property taxes. Although, Detroit recently reduced property taxes by five mills, more needs to be done. Seniors are especially impacted by high tax rates and property assessment increases. Too many seniors, many on a fixed income, worry about losing their homes due to skyrocketing property tax increases. Senior citizens, whether retired or still working, have earned the right to stay in their homes without worrying about property taxes.

SB 292 will give relief to seniors, over the age of 70, for taxes levied after December 31, 2025, on their principal residence. It is the intent of the Michigan legislature to annually appropriate sufficient funds from the state general fund to be distributed to units of local government to fully compensate for any loss of revenue resulting from the enactment of this act.

Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway has requested that LPD draft a resolution that will urge the Michigan legislature to consider SB 292 and take appropriate action to support our senior citizens by eliminating their property tax burden. This request was referred to Budget, Finance, and Standing Committee on Tuesday, May 20th.