



CITY OF DETROIT

MARY WATERS

COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE

MEMORANDUM

To: David Whitaker, Legislative Policy Division

Through: Mary Sheffield, City Council President

From: Council Member At-Large Mary Waters submitting memorandum relative to

Date: 5/4/2023

RE: Community-based Housing Needs Study

SUMMARY:

Our office would like to direct the Housing and Revitalization Department to conduct an updated study of the housing needs of our community. Unlike the previous report from 2016, we would like this to be based on community needs rather than market trends. This report should focus on identifying not only the market conditions that impact housing construction and affordability, but also provide an overview of the current volume of housing in the city, the type and size of each housing unit, the age/quality of the units, and identify what types of units the city has too much of/too little of for the future.

In order to do this, our office would like to understand:

- What authority does Council have to direct this report be created? Is it something that can be done via memo, does it require an ordinance, or would we need to engage the Administration?
- This report will take a significant amount of time and money to complete: is this something HRD can take on or does Council need to act to provide them with scope/funding to get this done?

- Could HRD provide us with a cost estimate as well as time needed to complete such a study?

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