



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Salvador Salort-Pons, Director, Detroit Institute of Arts
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: March 27, 2023
RE: Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), Budget Hearing Questions, Fiscal Year 2023/2024

SUMMARY:

1. What new initiatives, if any, does the museum have to engage Detroiters and youth around careers at the DIA and in the art industry in general?
2. The DIA's Teen Arts Council allows students to design and implement meaningful, empowering, and entertaining programs for metro Detroit teens. What schools does the DIA partner with to continue this program? Does the museum see a correlation between the youth's ability to excel in this program and in school? What other programs does the DIA have to give a voice and an outlet to youth?
3. What partnerships does the DIA have to date that supports the creation of arts-based programs and services to enrich the quality of life in the region?
4. Does the DIA have any severe infrastructure needs?
5. What is the rate of employee turnover at the DIA? Is the DIA currently experiencing a staffing shortage?
6. As we continue to transition back to normal, what protocols does the museum have in place to ensure member and public safety?
7. The DIA offers free senior visits every day for adults 55 and older that includes films, lectures, artmaking, and tours. Does this program involve transport? Does the DIA plan to have future senior programs that involve transport? What processes would need to happen for these programs to be implemented?
8. What is the Detroit Institute of Arts' annual spend for contracted goods and services?

Please contact Caryn Shannon from my office at caryn.shannon@detroitmi.gov if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues

City Clerk