



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

MARY SHEFFIELD
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director, Legislative Policy Division
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: July 24, 2023
RE: Detroit Subcontractor Oversight

The allegations outlined in the recent Committee of the Whole session of racist and discriminatory behavior by a licensed Detroit subcontractor is saddening and wholly unacceptable. Detroiters must be able to trust that the City is doing business with companies that reflect Detroit's values.

Please issue a report on the City of Detroit's ability to provide oversight and even penalize subcontractors that exhibit illegal discriminatory behavior. Specifically address if this can be addressed in:

- Development Agreements
- Tax Abatements
- Demolition contracts
- Memoranda of Understanding

Please contact Ari Ruttenberg from my office at ruttenberga@detroitmi.gov if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk