



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: January 24, 2022
RE: Dissolution of DLBA Report

In 2019, my office requested a report regarding the proposed dissolution of the Detroit Land Bank Authority. Please provide an updated report on the process for the dissolution of the DLBA and the transition into City management of residential parcels. The report should include answers to the following questions:

- How many properties does the DLBA currently manage, and how many are lots, residential parcels, or commercial parcels?
- What is the annual budget for DLBA operations?
- What is the annual cost to the City to maintain DLBA properties?
- What is the annual contribution of City funds to the DLBA for operations?
- What is the current staffing level at the DLBA?
- Prior to the establishment the DLBA, which City department oversaw the maintenance and disposition of residential properties?
- What was the annual cost to the City?
- How many City employees worked on residential disposition?
- How many would be needed to bring residential disposition in-house?
- Does the City of Detroit have the authority and ability to provide quiet-title for properties?
- Could the DLBA continue providing quiet title, but transfer maintenance and disposition of residential properties to the City of Detroit?

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

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk