CITY OF DETROIT

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COUNCIL MEMBER

MEMORANDUM

To: Alvin Horhn, Assessor/Deputy CFO, Office of the Assessor
Through: President Mary Sheffield, Detroit City Council President
From: Council Member Scott Benson submitting memorandum relative to
Date: 1/13/2022
RE: OVER ASSESSMENT TAXABLE VALUE INFORMATION

SUMMARY:

My office has been invited to attend the People's Forum by The Coalition for Property Tax Justice with the purpose to "…inform and dialogue with the community about compensating Detroit homeowners who the City of Detroit overcharged in property taxes or were foreclosed upon. Between 2010 and 2016 the City of Detroit improperly assessed and over taxed residential properties by as much as 600 million dollars." To ensure my office is properly educated on the facts and historic context of this issue please prepare a report that includes the following:

1. The relationship between a property owner's tax liability, assessed value and taxable value.

2. Identify the methodology used to arrive at a figure of $600 million dollars of over taxation on Detroit homeowners.

3. Identify the property owners impacted by over taxation of properties.

4. Identify the number of properties foreclosed upon as a direct result of the over taxation.

5. Identify the years of over taxation.

6. Identify the cause of the over taxation and solution implemented to end the situation.

7. Identify the amount of over taxation if different from the $600 million amount.

8. Identify the methodology used to arrive at an Office of the Assessor's over taxation figure.

9. Identify the number of Third District homes, include addresses, negatively impacted by over taxation.

10. Please identify any litigation that included the City of Detroit, and results, regarding over taxation of property taxes.

Please submit this report to the City Clerk by 21 Jan 2022. Contact my office, at 313- 224-1198, if you have any questions regarding this request.

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