



# City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE  
DISTRICT 1

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Conrad Mallett Jr., Corporation Counsel, Law Department  
THRU: Internal Operations Standing Committee  
FROM: Council President Pro Tempore James E. Tate Jr.  
DATE: Wednesday, May 1, 2024  
RE: Reverse Conviction Case Research - Other Cities and Municipalities

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On March 16, 2022, the Law Department issued a privileged and confidential memorandum regarding legal issues in high exposure reverse conviction cases.<sup>1</sup>

I am respectfully requesting the Law Department to begin the following:

1. Please research other cities and municipalities with ordinances that establish a metric for years of wrongful incarceration and whether an individual's conviction was reversed, vacated, or exonerated.
2. Additionally, please research how other cities and municipalities manage attorney's fees associated with litigation, high expert witness and deposition fees, and methods to establish predictability for payouts.

If there are any questions, please reach out to my Policy Analyst, Jai Singletary, at [jai.singletary@detroitmi.gov](mailto:jai.singletary@detroitmi.gov).

Thank you,

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<sup>1</sup> City Council has not waived the privileged and confidential rights on the memorandum.  
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