



# City of Detroit Detroit City Council

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## Memorandum

**TO:** David Whitaker, Legislative Policy Division  
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**THROUGH:** Mary Sheffield, City Council President

**FROM:** Mary Waters, Councilmember At-Large

**RE:** DLBA Board Membership Questions

- What is the legal status of the intergovernmental agreement that the DLBA has been operating under? The last version was passed in 2013 with a 10-year duration; has it been extended? If so, when?
- What would it take to establish a new intergovernmental agreement? How would this relate to the memorandum of understanding?
- Since the state Fast Track Authority law gives localities the power to establish their own board for their local land bank, what can we do to reestablish several provisions that were eliminated in the 2013 intergovernmental agreement:
  - Reestablish residency requirements for board members
  - Reestablish City Council having an appointed member serve on the board
  - Reestablish having the City Planning Commission also have a representative on the board
- How can the DLBA engage in demolitions and code enforcement actions when both state law and the 2013 intergovernmental agreement expressly prohibit them?