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CITY COUNCIL


GABRIELA SANTIAGO-ROMERO
COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 6

MEMORANDUM

TO: Trisha Stein, Chief Strategy Officer
City of Detroit

Jay Rising, Chief Financial Officer
City of Detroit

THRU: Council President Mary Sheffield

FROM: Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero 

DATE: July 17, 2024

RE: Neighborhood Solar Initiatives Questions

During the Public Health and Safety Standing committee on Monday, July 15, 2024, Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero raised the following questions:

1. It has been stated that the City of Detroit will receive tax credits from DTE. Have we looked at how residents in the impacted area could receive tax credits? Why or why not? If they can receive credits, what would that process be?
2. While the solar initiatives will provide us cleaner energy for our electric grid which will help the city meet our climate resiliency goals, it does not address the issue of high energy DTE costs and bills.
 - a. Has the administration requested DTE to lobby for Senate bill 152 and 153, and House bill 4464 and 4475?
 - b. What plans, if any, does the administration have with DTE if the city approves their solar contract to help the State of Michigan establish community solar policies?
3. During the conversation, the Legislative Policy Division indicated that there would be an additional \$1.1M on top of the City's electric bill which is an estimated \$7M. How will the City's budget support this increase?
 - a. Please provide a fiscal impact statement.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Cc: Honorable Detroit City Council
Louise Jones, City Clerk's Office
Malik Washington, City Council Liaison

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