



City of Detroit  
Detroit City Council  
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway  
District 2

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TO: Director David Whitaker, LPD

THROUGH: Council President Mary Sheffield

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway *AWC*

DATE: June 3, 2024

RE: Request for a report concerning the cost and benefits of hosting events and the need for an amusement tax to defray the costs.

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### REQUEST FOR A REPORT

Earlier this year, City Council passed a resolution in support of proposed legislation to enable a municipality to enact an amusement tax. During discussion about possible legislation, there were discussions concerning large events and the cost to the City of Detroit the amount of revenue received.

Please provide a report concerning the costs incurred by the City of Detroit surrounding events. This report should include Police, Fire and EMS service as well as clean-up costs after events.

In addition, please include estimates of the revenue received by the City of Detroit as a result of hosting the events. This may include the amount of sales tax revenue gained by the City of Detroit through the current revenue sharing formula. This amount may be difficult to calculate since all sales tax revenue is collected by the State of Michigan and distributed to municipalities based on population, not need or the amount of the sales tax generated. A more detailed explanation of sales tax revenue and revenue sharing may be a part of the LPD report.

Please note that this report will be used to urge the Michigan Legislature to enact equitable amusement tax enabling legislation.

Please contact Peter Rhoades, Policy Analyst at [peter.rhoades@detroitmi.gov](mailto:peter.rhoades@detroitmi.gov) for further information concerning this request.