



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

## MEMORANDUM

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TO: David Whitaker, Director LPD

THROUGH: Mary Sheffield, Council President

FROM: Angela Whitfield Calloway, Council Member *AWC*

DATE: September 25, 2024

RE: Request for a report concerning outstanding budget allocations

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Please provide a report concerning items, dating from January 1, 2022 to the present, where Detroit City Council allocated funds in the budget for projects, studies and reports but the Administration failed to use the funds or finish the project, study or report.

This topic was discussed during the September 25, 2024, Internal Operations Standing Committee. Apparently, Detroit City Council allocated \$350,000 to CRIO for a disparity study but CRIO never commissioned the study and returned the unused funds to the general fund. This is a common problem. The Administration does not veto the budget approved by City Council but merely refuses to go forward with the project, study or report. This is a phantom veto that is not allowed under the Detroit City Charter.

Mr. Irv Corley of your staff has reported on this problem in the past. Please provide an updated report and any recommendations concerning continuing issue.

Thank you for your cooperation.

CC: Malik Washington, Liaison  
Graham Anderson, Law Department

Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns – Peter Rhoades at [peter.rhoades@detroitmi.gov](mailto:peter.rhoades@detroitmi.gov)