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**MARY SHEFFIELD**  
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
DISTRICT 5

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Tammy Daniels, Executive Director, Detroit Land Bank Authority  
Conrad Mallett, Corporation Counsel, Office of the Corporation Counsel

**FROM:** Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council

**DATE:** April 7, 2025

**RE:** 4219 Chalmers NAP Issue

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A recent Detroit Free Press article about the east-side “castle” compound at 4219 Chalmers highlights several concerns with the DLBA’s Nuisance Abatement program and its use to initiate lawsuits against property owners. As such, please provide answers to the following questions:

- What nuisance abatement actions have been taken with respect to the property in question?
- What other nuisance abatement actions has the owner been subjected to at other properties they own?
- What does the law prescribe with respect to the nuisance abatement process and what due process action must take place before the Land Bank can pursue the confiscation of property?

Please contact Ari Ruttenberg from my office at [ruttenberga@detroitmi.gov](mailto:ruttenberga@detroitmi.gov) if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues  
City Clerk