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TO: Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director
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DATE: May 2, 2025

RE: Reintroduction of Apprenticeships in Detroit

Council Member Mary Waters requested information regarding the reintroduction of apprenticeship programs in the city of Detroit. It has come to our attention that Council Member Waters has spoken with the leadership of Detroit at Works and is currently satisfied with the Department's efforts to continue and expand apprenticeship opportunities for Detroiters. However, the Council Member Waters would request the Department provide monthly updates on its activities and progress.

If our office can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Attachment



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FROM THE DESK OF
Mary Waters, Member At-Large
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1340 Detroit, MI 48226

TO: David Whittaker, Legislative Policy Division
THROUGH: Mary Sheffield, City Council President
FROM: Mary Waters, Councilmember, At-Large
RE: Reintroduction of Apprenticeship Programs in City of Detroit

Please provide our office with an overview of how the City of Detroit has previously used apprentices, including what roles the apprentices worked in and how they were able to progress into full employment. Please also explain why apprenticeship opportunities were removed and what the City Council can do to reinstate apprenticeship programs.