



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council - District 4

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 5, 2025

TO: Conrad Mallett, Corporation Counsel, Law Department

FROM: Latisha Johnson
District 4 Councilmember 

SUBJECT: Questions Regarding How Blight Violations Are Handled

Greetings,

In 2020, the City of Detroit filed three lawsuits against Michael Kelly, Steve and Stephen Hagerman, and Salameh Jaser to address their neglect of property maintenance. However, these lawsuits were later dropped. Please provide an explanation as to why these lawsuits were dropped.

Additionally, please provide insight into how the law department makes decisions on which blight violations it negotiates instead of it/them following the DAH's process.

If you have any questions, please contact Mari Grate, our Policy Analyst, at mary.grate@detroitmi.gov.