



## City of Detroit Detroit City Council

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**TO:** Michigan Land Bank Authority  
**THROUGH:** Mary Sheffield, City Council President  
**FROM:** Mary Waters, Councilmember, At-Large  
**RE:** Michigan Land Bank Authority Oversight of Detroit Land Bank Authority

On behalf of Detroit City Council Member Mary Waters, our office respectfully requests a detailed report of the Michigan Land Bank Authority's (MLBA) oversight responsibilities for local land banks across the state—specifically as they pertain to the Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA).

To promote transparency, accountability, and compliance with state law, we would appreciate your response to the following questions:

### Reporting Requirements

- Does the DLBA submit annual or quarterly reports to the MLBA?
- If so, may we request copies or summaries of the most recent submissions?

### Auditing Procedures

- Does the MLBA conduct audits of the DLBA?
- If not, please clarify the reasons and indicate whether any alternative oversight is in place.

### Conflict of Interest Policies

- Does the MLBA require the DLBA to maintain a conflict-of-interest policy?
- How does the MLBA verify compliance with such a policy?

**Compliance with the Michigan FAST Act and Land Bank Authority Act**

- How does the MLBA ensure that the DLBA complies with the Michigan FAST Act, particularly regarding board member eligibility and term limits?
- What mechanisms are in place to ensure that the DLBA does not exceed its statutory authority (e.g., issuing blight tickets or condemning private property, which are not authorized activities under the Michigan Land Bank Authority Act)?

**Local Oversight and Guidelines**

- Are there specific guidelines or oversight mechanisms the MLBA provides to local land banks, particularly the DLBA?
- If so, we would appreciate any documentation outlining these standards.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your timely response. Please don't hesitate to contact our office should you need clarification or wish to discuss further.