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To: Council Member At-Large Mary Waters

From: Law Department

Re: Michigan Land Bank Authority Oversight

On June 26, 2025, Council Member, Mary Waters, asked the Michigan Land Bank Authority to provide a response regarding reporting requirements, auditing procedures, conflict of interest, compliance with Michigan FAST Act and Land Bank Authority Act, and local oversight and guidelines.

The city of Detroit has no legal authority over the Michigan Land Bank Authority. In the event this was a typographical error, and the questions were intended to the Detroit Land Bank instead of the Michigan Land Bank, please see the following.

The Detroit Land Bank was created through an inter-governmental agreement between the city of Detroit and the state of Michigan, Michigan Land Bank Authority. Therefore, it is an independent legal entity separate and apart from the city. The lone oversight by Detroit City Council is the approval of Board Members.

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