

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING A FORENSIC AUDIT OF THE DETROIT LAND BANK  
AUTHORITY BY THE MICHIGAN OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

**WHEREAS**, The Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA) was established to manage and revitalize vacant and tax-foreclosed properties, with the goal of returning them to productive use and improving neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, The Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority Act (Act 258 of 2003) provides for the creation of land bank fast track authorities to assist governmental entities in the coordinated assembly and clearance of title to property, and to facilitate the use and development of such property; and

**WHEREAS**, The Michigan Office of the Auditor General (OAG) is a constitutionally mandated and statutorily empowered body with the authority to conduct post-financial and performance audits of all state and local government operations, departments, agencies, and authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, Numerous and recurring constituent complaints have been brought before the Detroit City Council regarding the operations of the DLBA, including issues of transparency, property management, and equitable disposition of parcels; and

**WHEREAS**, The Detroit City Council, in its role as the legislative body representing the citizens of Detroit, has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure accountability and to address the concerns of the public regarding the use of public funds and assets; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of these public concerns and allegations, a comprehensive, independent forensic audit is necessary to examine the financial transactions, operational processes, and compliance of the DLBA to protect the public trust; and

**WHEREAS**, The Michigan Fast Track Authority Act, as established by the state legislature, provides a direct and compelling rationale for the state's involvement in matters concerning the operations of land bank authorities, as these entities are created and governed under state law; now, therefore, be it:

**RESOLVED**, that the Detroit City Council formally requests that the Michigan Office of the Auditor General, under its constitutional and statutory authority, immediately initiate a full forensic audit of the Detroit Land Bank Authority, including an investigation into its financial records, property transactions, management of public funds, and adherence to established policies and procedures; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Detroit City Council requests that the Michigan Office of the Auditor General utilize the authority provided by the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority Act to execute this audit and to provide a final report of its findings to the City Council and the citizens of Detroit in a timely and transparent manner; and finally, be it

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Office of the Auditor General and the State Land Bank Authority.