



City of Detroit

COUNCILMAN SCOTT R. BENSON

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Conrad Mallett, Chief Corporation Counsel, Law Department  
David Whitaker, Director, Legislative Policy Division

**FROM:** Hon. Scott Benson, City Council District 3

**CC:** Hon. Angela Calloway, Chair, Internal Operations Standing Committee  
Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk  
Malik Washington, Mayor's Liaison

**VIA:** Hon. Council President James E. Tate

**DATE:** 20 March 2026

**RE:** **CODIFYING CITY COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT TO THE LAND BANK BOARD**

Please provide a report on how City Council can formally codify its appointment to the Detroit Land Bank Authority Board. At present, Council's participation rests on a verbal agreement. Given the Land Bank's central role in property disposition, neighborhood stabilization, and redevelopment, Council's appointment authority should be placed on a clear legal footing.

Please advise on the most appropriate mechanism to accomplish this, whether by ordinance, amendment to governing documents, intergovernmental action, or another legally sufficient method, and identify the steps required to implement it.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact my office at 313-224-1198.

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