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**TO:** Detroit City Council

**FROM:** David Whitaker, Director   
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**DATE:** April 7, 2026

**RE:** Resolution Urging the Law Department to Seek Recovery of Cost

The Legislative Policy Division (LPD) has been requested by Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway to draft a resolution urging the Law Department to seek recovery of costs and attorney fees in the pending bankruptcy court matter concerning the Leland House apartments. LPD has prepared the attached resolution for City Council's consideration.

If we can be of further assistance, please call upon us.

**RESOLUTION URGING THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO SEEK  
RECOVERY OF COST FROM THE OWNER OF THE LELAND HOUSE**

**SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY**

**WHEREAS,** The Detroit City Council as the legislative body and a fiduciary of the coffers of the City of Detroit (City), is concerned with the expenditures endured by each department of the City; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Detroit's Law Department has been engaged in ongoing litigation with the owners of the Leland House Apartments to bring it into compliance with the City Code; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Detroit has spent thousands of dollars on litigation through attorneys and in mitigation of the displacement of residents of the Leland House Apartments by assisting in providing temporary shelter due to the ineptitude of the ownership of the Leland House Apartments securing the property's habitability; and

**WHEREAS,** The owners of the Leland House Apartments have now sought protection under the Federal Bankruptcy Court; and

**WHEREAS,** It is only proper that the costs and attorney fees expended by the City of Detroit Law Department in its attempts to protect the rights of the former tenants and to protect public safety be recovered in accordance with state and federal law; **BE IT THEREFORE**

**RESOLVED,** That the Detroit City Council urges the Law Department by and through the Corporation Counsel seek the recovery of any and all attorney fees and cost expended by the City of Detroit in the litigation and mitigation of the perils caused by the owners of the Leland House Apartments that are permitted pursuant to state and federal laws; and **BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this resolution be provided to Mayor Mary Sheffield and the City of Detroit Corporation Counsel, Conrad Mallet, Jr.