

MARY SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tammy Daniels, Interim Executive Director, Detroit Land Bank Authority

FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council

DATE: March 18, 2022

RE: DLBA 2022 Budget Hearing

- The Budget states that the DLBA receives ad valorem taxes for five years on properties sold to private owners. What is the total amount of tax revenue the DLBA has received from the sale of properties to private owners?
- What is the total number of DLBA properties being held for planning studies or development opportunities? How does the Planning Department communicate to the DLBA which properties are to be held? Is there a searchable database the public can look up DLBA properties? How does the public find out which properties are available for sale?
- When does the current MOU with the Land Bank expire? What is the earliest date the DLBA can be disbanded?
- What is the process for creating and implementing property disposition programs? Are new disposition programs required to receive City Council approval before implementation? Has Council ever approved new policies or programs?
- What is the number of budgeted positions for FY2023 and current number of vacancies in the DLBA? With the DLBA no longer involved in demolitions, have the number of FTEs decreased?
- The FY2023 Budget continues the same \$11 million for Land Bank Operations from the previous year. What specific services and operations does the \$11 million cover? Does the DLBA still need the City funds?