



City of Detroit  
Detroit City Council  
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway  
District 2

## MEMORANDUM

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TO: David Whitaker, Director  
Legislative Policy Division

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway *awc*

DATE: May 4, 2022

RE: Requesting Resolution for Initiation of a Disparity Study

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The office of Council Member Calloway is requesting the initiation of a Disparity Study. The purpose of this Disparity Study would be to examine the City of Detroit current marketplace conditions and the effectiveness of City contracting and procurement programs.

The Disparity Study would make the below assessments.

- Examine city-funded contracts awarded between January 2012 and April 2022 focusing on industries (construction, professional services, good, and other services) and other relevant geographic market areas for City procurement.
- Focus on the analysis of the utilization/participation, availability of Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Minority-Owned Enterprises (MBEs) and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (WOBES), and
- Examine whether there are disparities between the utilization of MBEs/WBES in city contracts by group and
- Examine whether there are availability benchmarks developed for City prime contracts and subcontracts.

The study should be conducted by a reputable outside institution/organization. We would like to suggest a firm, if appropriate. Please let us know if we may submit those suggestions.

We hope that this study will provide insight into the means to expand our current City vendor base; expand our SBE, MBE, and WOBES base; and to also cultivate a truly equitable and competitive contracting standard.

CC: Gail Fulton, City Council Liaison

Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns – Ramses Dukes,  
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