Detroit City Council
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Detroit, MI 48226

August 19, 2019

RE: Response Concerning Petition No. 1035
Abundance of Truth Outreach Ministries
Request to Purchase 13331 Puritan, Detroit, MI 48227

Honorable City Council:

The Housing and Revitalization Department is hereby responding to Petition No. 1035, a request by Abundance of Truth Outreach Ministries ("Church") to purchase the building located at 13331 Puritan ("Property"). In correspondence received by the Office of the City Clerk on August 6, 2019 from Pastor Jeffrey L. Knight Sr., the Church stated their understanding that the Property was now owned by the City due to tax foreclosure and their wish to obtain it from the City.

Not all tax foreclosed property is acquired by the City from Wayne County. As part of the Right of First Refusal process, the City identifies certain tax foreclosed properties that we wish to purchase. These properties are located in key areas that are determined to be essential for development. For 2019, this listing was furnished to Wayne County on August 2, 2019 and the purchase has been completed.

The judgment of tax foreclosure on 13331 Puritan was recorded by Wayne County in July 2019; however, it was not among those listed properties to be purchased by the City from Wayne County.

We have contacted Pastor Knight and informed him that the Property is not owned by the City. He has been advised that he may apply to purchase the Property during the Wayne County 2019 tax foreclosure auction and provided contact information from Wayne County to assist the Church in this process.

Should your Honorable Body have any additional questions and/or concerns regarding this matter, I can be reached at (313) 224 - 1104.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Rencher
Director

DR/ajm

CC: Stephanie Washington, Mayor’s Office
DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

To: The Department or Commission Listed Below

From: Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk

The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body’s directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1035 Abundance of Truth Outreach Ministries, request to purchase the property located at 13333 Puritan, Detroit, MI 48227.
The Honorable City Council  
ATTN: Office of the City Clerk  
2 Woodward Ave.  
200 CAYMC  
Detroit, MI 48226

August 4, 2019

RE: To obtain Property 13331 Puritan, Detroit, MI 48227

Greetings Honorable City Council;

We are writing requesting to purchase a building that is adjacent to our Church; Abundance of Truth Outreach Ministries. The address of the building is listed above. The address of our church is 13333 Puritan, Detroit, MI 48227. It is our understanding that the building in question is now owned by the City due to foreclosure, and is possibly on the demolition list. We would like to obtain this property to renovate it and repurpose it to serve the community where our church is located. Also, we would like to join the two addresses as one complete facility address. If you were to consider this request it would forego the City’s cost of demolishing the property and to allow it to be repurposed for the use of the community.

We also have included a letter which provides evidence of the buildings foreclosure status. This document also includes a brief description of the property, along with any other pertinent information that might help you in making an assessment of this property. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at (313) 461-5673. Thank you for your time and attention concerning this matter and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Eld. Jeffrey L. Knight Sr.  
Pastor & Founder  
Abundance of Truth Outreach Ministries