MEMORANDUM

TO: Saskia Thompson, Executive Director, Detroit Land Bank Authority
cc: David Bell, Director, Buildings, Safety Engineering & Environmental Department
cc: Brian Farkus, Detroit Land Bank Authority

THRU: Council Member Scott Benson, Chairperson
Public Health and Safety Standing Committee

FROM: Gabe Leland
Councilman District 7

DATE: September 18, 2019

RE: Demolition damage to 6350 DeSoto, Detroit

Background
In June of this year Homrich caused damage to the structure, gutter and downspout at 6350 DeSoto while demolishing an adjacent home. At the homeowner’s request, Homrich dispatched a laborer to 6350 DeSoto to repair the damages.

When asked about the quality of the repair, according to the homeowner, the laborer stated the gutter had to be installed in a manner pitched away from the roof to ensure it is secured to the roof. (See the attached photographs).

Since that time the homeowner has initiated numerous conversations with Homrich representatives regarding removing and properly reinstalling the gutter and downspout after performing the needed repairs to the structure. This matter remains unresolved.

Please provide answers to the following:
1. What has the DLBA done to resolve this ongoing matter?
2. Does the DLBA maintain records of private properties damaged during demolition of land bank owned homes.
3. If yes, to question 2 above,
   a. How many private properties have been damaged to date?
   b. How many private properties have been satisfactorily repaired to date?
4. Is there a reporting process whereby demolition contractors report damages to private property?
5. Is there a process in place for the inspection of damages to private property damaged during demolition.
6. Is there a process in place for the inspection of repairs to private property damaged during demolition.
7. If yes, to question 4, 5 and 6 above, please provide copies of the inspection reports for 6350 DeSoto.