



City of Detroit

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MEMORANDUM

TO: David Bell, Director, Buildings, Safety, Engineering and Environmental Department,
Conrad Mallet, Corporation Counsel, Law Department

THRU: Public Health and Safety Committee

FROM: Council President Pro Tempore James E. Tate Jr.

DATE: Thursday, February 9, 2023

RE: Questions Regarding the Parcel and Property Sell to Hantz Group

Since 2012, The Hantz Group acquired approximately 2,000 properties from the Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA) and the City of Detroit on the City's east side. Additionally, according to a recent Bridge¹ Detroit article, the Hantz Group has been assessed roughly 200 blight tickets from the City, totaling \$33,110 in fines.¹

Given these infractions, please respond to the following questions.

1. Can the Buildings, Safety, Engineering and Environmental Department confirm property and parcel ownership by the Hantz Group and its subsidiaries?
2. If there are blight violations for the Hantz Group and its subsidiaries, what is the total amount of violations?
3. If there are blight violations for the Hantz Group and its subsidiaries; what is the violation and for what amount is the violation, per parcel and per property?
4. If there are blight violations for the Hantz Group and its subsidiaries, what is the history of violations for per parcel and per property? When were violations first distributed, how many have been paid, and how many remain outstanding?
5. The above definition of Hantz Group and its subsidiaries include, but is not limited to,

¹<https://www.bridgedetroit.com/john-hantz-tree-farm-detroit-east-side-blight/>

- Hantz Financial Services, Inc.
- Hantz Tax & Business, LLC
- Hantz Agency, LLC
- PLUS Agency, LLC
- Hantz Lending, LLC
- Hantz Software, LLC
- Hantz Technology, LLC
- Hantz Group Sports & Entertainment, LLC
- Hantz Racing, LLC
- Hantz Soccer USA, LLC
- Hantz Farms, LLC
- Hantz & Di Laura Properties, LLC
- Hantz Air, LLC
- Hantz Ewald, LLC
- Hantz Real Estate Ventures, LLC
- 1540 South Hall Sylvania, LLC

If there any questions, please contact Sumaiyah Ahmed, at sumaiyah.ahmed@detroitmi.gov.

Thank you.

CC: Honorable Council Members
Malik Washington, Mayor's Office