



City of Detroit

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nicole Sherard-Freeman, Group Executive, Jobs and Economy Team
Conrad Mallett, Corporation Council, Law Department
THRU: Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee
FROM: Council President Pro Tempore James E. Tate Jr.
DATE: Thursday, February 9, 2023
RE: Questions Regarding the Parcel and Property Sell to the 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 Bridge 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 question.

1. Was the City of Detroit involved in deals where the Hantz Group sold parcels to Stellantis, the former Fiat Chrysler Automobiles?
2. Has the City of Detroit extended any financial incentives to the Hantz Group or any of the following subsidiaries?
 - Hantz Financial Services, Inc.
 - Hantz Tax & Business, LLC
 - Hantz Agency, LLC
 - PLUS Agency, LLC
 - Hantz Lending, LLC
 - Hantz Software, LLC

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

- 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 are any questions, please reach out my Policy Analyst, Jai Singletary at jai.singletary@detroitmi.gov.

Thank you.

CC: Honorable Council Members
Corporation Council Conrad Mallet, Law Department
Mr. Malik Washington, Mayor's Office