



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

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable William C. McConico, Chief Judge
36th District Court

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway *AWC*

DATE: March 20, 2023

RE: 2023-2024 36th District Court Budget Questions

The office of Council Member Angela Calloway respectfully submits the following questions to the 36th District Court as a part of the 2023-2024 budget hearing process.

1. **Question:** Please explain if and how the court is working with other agencies to improve the Certificate of Compliance verification process.
2. **Question:** Please describe the different specialty courts that the 36th district court operates. Does having the specialty courts, such as the drug court, save the court money by reducing future expenses?
3. **Question:** How has the court changed or updated operations in the aftermath of the pandemic? Have you resolved the backlog? Have you returned to the pre-pandemic level of operation? What do you need to get there?
4. **Question:** It is well known that the court sees thousands of landlord/tenant cases. The mayor's proposed budget provides for \$50,000 for this service. Will this amount allow the court to effectively hear all the landlord/tenant cases that come before it?
5. **Question:** The court is set to generate over \$8 million dollars in Fines, Forfeits, and Penalties. Please explain what the fines, forfeits, and penalties are, and how the court can generate so much revenue from them.
6. **Question:** How many credit acceptance lawsuits are pending right now, and how much of the court's caseload did these cases represent in 2021 and 2022? Is there an uptick in the number of debt collection cases filed in the 36th District Court?