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MARY SHEFFIELD  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
DISTRICT 5

# Memorandum

**To:** Mayor Michael Duggan  
**From:** Council President Mary Sheffield  
**CC:** Honorable Colleagues, LPD, City Clerk  
**Date:** 3/27/2023  
**Re:** Questions for the Mayor's Office Budget Hearing for FY 2023-24

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1. Often times, City Council and Council's oversight agencies such as the Office of Ombudsman and the Office of the Inspector General serve as the de facto constituent affairs arm of the City. In fact, we often get calls asking if the Mayor's number is still accurate because they can't get anyone on to answer when they call.  
**What is the Administration's plan for dealing with constituent calls? Would the Administration consider funding a call center to handle constituent calls before matters are escalated and Council is asked to get involved?**
2. The proposed funding level for Employee Benefits in the Mayor's Office budget is approximately 31% of the proposed allocation for Salaries and Wages suggesting that the majority of the employees in the Mayor's office receive benefits. This and discrepancies in pay have led to Council Members losing great employees to the Administration in the past.  
**Of the actual 79 FY 2022-23 employees and the proposed 85 FY 2022-23 employees how many are FTE and how many are TASS employees?**
3. Under Effective Governance, there is a 78% decrease in the Mayor's Residence expense from the adopted FY 2022-23 level to the FY 2023-24 proposed allocation.  
**What does this expenditure represent and what is the reason for the proposed reduction?**
4. Also under Effective Governance, there is a 9.2% increase under the Neighborhoods cost center.  
**What does this expenditure represent and what is the source of the increase?**