



City of Detroit Detroit City Council

FROM THE DESK OF
Mary Waters, Member At-Large
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1340 Detroit, MI 48226

RESOLUTION TO HALT TAX CAPTURES FROM DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the reallocation of Detroit Public Library taxes to reimburse private developers has been demonstrated to have caused immense harm to the Library's budget and ability to function; and

WHEREAS, the funds that the voters of Detroit approved in 2009 to provide for capital improvements via a bond have never been allocated to the Library, despite the City collecting the money from Detroit residents; and

WHEREAS, the FY 24 budget proposes an increase in annual tax captures from library funds of \$800,000, draining \$28 million additional dollars from the Library's budget over the next 35 years; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Detroit City Council hereby caps the total tax captures that can be taken from the Detroit Public Library at \$3.4 million in FY 24; and

FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Mayor Mike Duggan, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and all interested public media, civil society, educational and civil groups and individuals who are vested in supporting the Detroit Public Library system.