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MEMORANDUM

TO: Conrad Mallett, Corporation Counsel, Detroit Law Department

THROUGH: Council President Pro Tem James Tate, Chair, Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

FROM: Council President Mary Sheffield

DATE: May 9, 2023

RE: **Requesting an Opinion on Right to Renew Ordinance**

In October 2022, the Ann Arbor City Council passed an ordinance that requires local landlords to offer their tenants a lease renewal 180 days prior to their lease end date. This ordinance prohibits landlords from denying a renewal without just cause. If landlords do not comply with this ordinance, they can be responsible for paying tenants' relocation fees.

As Detroit is a majority renter city with above-average eviction filing rates, I am requesting that the Law Department opine on the legality of a Right to Renew ordinance in Detroit. Detroit Tenants' Association has formulated a Right to Renew proposal which is attached for reference. Also attached is Ann Arbor's Right to Renew Ordinance is attached.

Thank you in advance for your response. Should you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Ragland from my office at yvonne.ragland@detroitmi.gov.

cc: Honorable Colleagues
Hon. Janice Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk