

CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2008/09 BUDGET

AGENCY 52 CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The City Council promotes the economic, cultural and physical welfare of Detroit's citizens through Charter-mandated legislative functions.

DESCRIPTION

The City Council is the City's legislative body. Among the functions performed are: the enactment and amendment of laws (ordinances and resolutions) governing the operation of the City; approval and monitoring of contracts involving City business; approval and monitoring of the City Budget and amendments thereto and of the City's fiscal condition; approval of City appropriations for grant funds and amendments thereto; approval of the sale or disposition of City property; approval of the settlement of civil litigation involving the City; receipt of complaints, petitions and reports affecting the operation of the City or its citizens; investigation and monitoring of the affairs of the City, its administration and the conduct of City agencies; advocacy action on behalf of citizens, i.e., State and Federal levels; approval of the Master Plan and Five Year Capital Agenda; appointments to certain Boards and Commissions; providing a mechanism for City residents to make concerns known; monitoring city service delivery to insure implementation of policies and priorities adopted by Council.

The following staff assist the City Council: the Auditor General to advise on the City's fiscal operations and management, the Ombudsperson to investigate and seek to resolve complaints against City government; a City Planning Commission to advise on matters pertaining to the social, physical and economic development of the City, and act as the Zoning Commission; a Research and Analysis Division to research, monitor, evaluate and advise on legal matters and to supervise Council's cable/government access channel programming; a Fiscal Analyst to compile and review all financial information necessary to advise on budgetary and financial matters; an Historic Designation Advisory Board, which is the "study committee" required for City historic designation under the Michigan Local Historic Districts Act and which provides advice and preservation assistance.

GOALS

1. Exercise Legislative powers of the City.

DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	<u>GENERAL</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>BLOCK</u> <u>GRANT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
EXPENDITURES	\$15,459,403	\$675,000	\$16,134,403
REVENUES	<u>0</u>	<u>675,000</u>	<u>675,000</u>
NET TAX COST	\$15,459,403	\$ 0	\$15,459,403
POSITIONS	105	0	105