

# CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2009/10 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, which provides advice and preservation assistance.

### GOALS

1. Exercise Legislative powers of the City.

### DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	GENERAL <u>FUND</u>	BLOCK <u>GRANT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
EXPENDITURES	\$14,253,931	\$25,000	\$14,278,931
REVENUES	<u>0</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
NET TAX COST	\$14,253,931	\$ 0	\$14,253,931
POSITIONS	105		105