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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director   
Legislative Policy Division (LPD) Staff

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RE: **Requests for information from Detroit Police Department (DPD) regarding  
a) 1033 Military Surplus Program, and b) surveillance in public facilities**

On July 15, Council President Pro Tem Sheffield and Council Member Castañeda-López jointly requested that Detroit Police Department (DPD) provide the following detailed information to Council:

1. Explain DPD's involvement in the Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) 1033 Program, which facilitates local LEAs' access to surplus military equipment;
2. Provide annual costs of equipment procured by DPD via the 1033 Program since 2010;
3. State whether or not any 1033 Program equipment has been used in partnership with any other local LEA, or any Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) providing for such partnerships; and
4. Explain the use of surveillance technologies, including Project Green Light, in and public facilities owned or operated by the City, private facilities, and in the Green Light Corridor.

Legislative Policy Division (LPD) has been asked to provide information and analysis regarding these information requests to DPD. Since LPD is not directly involved in administering any DPD programs or activities, and lacks access to records and documents that are presumably necessary to respond to these requests, LPD's role at this time will be simply to await DPD's responses, and review and evaluate them after they are received. It is critical that these requests

lead to the actual documented facts of DPD involvement with the federally funded LEA programs for distributing military surplus equipment to cities, as well as the Project Green Light data requested for the green light corridor and the other quantifiable categories, to enable data-driven decisionmaking.

Council Members may wish to specifically request that the actual records of DPD be utilized in formulating the response to these requests, and provided directly to Council and LPD for evaluation and follow up.

If Council has any other questions or concerns regarding this subject, LPD will be happy to provide further research and analysis upon request.