



Detroit Retired City Employees Association

Representing Detroit City Retirees Since 1960

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Mr. Kevyn D. Orr
Emergency Manager
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue
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Dear Mr. Orr,

It was a pleasure meeting you at the General Retirement System Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2013. I am the President of the Detroit Retired City Employees Association (DRCEA) which is a service organization existing for the purpose of representing and protecting the interests of civilian City of Detroit retirees, the spouses of deceased retirees, and other beneficiaries of deceased retirees. The organization was incorporated in July, 1960 and has approximately 6500 members of the 12,100 current retirees and beneficiaries. We have represented retirees and beneficiaries before the current and previous Administration(s) and City Council(s) covering pension matters and health benefit coverage.

As you can certainly imagine, retirees and beneficiaries are fearful of what may happen to their pensions and medical coverage as you try to find ways to correct the financial problems of the City of Detroit. We are the liaison to many of those that will be affected by your decisions; and, I feel it would be helpful and informative if you would agree to meet with myself and several Officers of the DRCEA. We understand the challenges you face and the very difficult decisions you will be required to make going forward; however, we feel it is important for us to discuss with you the very serious impact any changes will have on all retirees and beneficiaries.

If you agree to meet, we appreciate having the opportunity to share our concerns and allowing an open dialogue before you finalize your decisions and recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Shirley V. Lightsey'.

Shirley V. Lightsey
DRCEA President