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Suzanne:

For your review. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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++++Weekly Critical Issues —November 6, 2015

- **Allen Park**—Status of bond tender and successful road millage proposal.
- **Benton Harbor**—Finance Director search will need RTAB approval, I plan to be involved in the process. Darwin has not been contacted by the mayor elect as of yesterday suggested that the RTAB should stay another two years or else the City will revert back to problematic ways. I will be scheduling a meeting with Wayne, mayor elect and Darwin in the coming weeks. Are we going to revise the RTAB evaluation for Benton Harbor?
- **Ecorse** – Wayne should have an easier time to manage now with the election results. Status of their five year financial plan review. We should move forward on reducing scope of RTAB authorities. One additional RTAB member is needed (Joan Brophy).
- **Flint** – Meeting in Flint with the new mayor is being scheduled for early next week. City has reinstituted their water shutoff program which help to increase revenues. Lead issue was known to City, DEQ, and EPA in April. Waiting on word from Carla on the latest FOIA request. Fred wants to have the RTAB meeting on Thursday. I plan to attend the RTAB meeting and work in Flint in the afternoon.
- **Hamtramck**- the interim Police Chief will be appointed as the Police Chief. Phase 3 of the pension study can we begin or should I wait for Wayne to sign the signature sheet? The City auditors, Greg Terrell have started the audit process. The Court filled the City Council vacancy with the candidate that Katrina thought should have the seat. Katrina released a Confidentiality Agreement with the former Police Chief due to a FOIA request. Possible election irregularities may result in an investigation.
- **Highland Park**-The collection firm that has begun to collect past due (\$7M) water and sewer bills. Cathy has indicated that the City has over 500 aged payables including a DTE bill of \$200K for the water pumping station. The City has successfully reduced their OPEB costs to the prescribed level stated in the Plan of Adjustment. The City has purchased new water meters and will be installing them. There is a problem with the cell towers for the new meter read system. A conference call on Tuesday has been scheduled with Cathy to discuss the way forward.
- **Lincoln Park**-His exit will be December 18th. I have a revised EM Final Order. We are hoping to find several RTAB candidates soon. E-Loan may be necessary? I will be scheduling a call with MERS for early next week do you want to be invited?
- **Inkster**- Mark indicated that some of the new council members may be difficult. Millages for senior and parks were approved by voters. Senior services should see an improvement due to additional funding. I am hoping to schedule a meeting with the new mayor and Mark soon.
- **Pontiac**- the mayor wants to hire an executive secretary. I am planning to visit Pontiac to meet with the Mayor and Jane. The Mayor would like to do a study of the Phoenix Center. Problem with the GERS Board financial advisor. Six million may be in jeopardy. One RTAB member is needed.
- **River Rouge**—Drew's memo on the exit.
- **Royal Oak Township**- We may receive a proposal from Oak Park for police service. We have received a draft 2016 budget from Robert. Montgomery and Co. the accounting firm has