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Suzanne:

I have attached a listing of issues to discuss with you at 9:00 a.m. See you then.

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++++Weekly Critical Issues —October 22, 2015

- **Allen Park**— I have been advised that two new RTAB members are in the process of being appointed. They are Mark Wollenweber and Scott Lites. Wayne wants a special RTAB meeting on Monday to approve the tender. City Council approved it last night.
- **Benton Harbor**-The City Council tabled several items during the last City Council meeting. I may send someone to attend the November 2nd meeting.
- **Ecorse** – Their five year financial plan has been sent to us for review. They want the RTAB to approve on November 10th. The City Council has approved. One additional RTAB member is needed (Joan Brophy). Wayne O'Neal will call at 2:30 today to discuss his concerns for the staff regarding the election. A retiree health care audit was performed internally.
- **Flint** – Lawsuit on water rates and the lead issues have Flint in a crisis mode. The City stated the State owes them a lot of money. They want the remainder of the \$6M ASAP. We will be scheduling a meeting at Treasury with city officials to discuss the City's water-sewer fund, probably in early November. Brian has asked me to prepare a FY15 Performance Report of the \$1.1M public safety grant, Natasha will provide information. They are concerned that we have not agreed to provide legal assistance.
- **Hamtramck**-the City ended the year with \$1M in GF operating surplus. Phase 3 of the pension study will begin soon. The City Council is at odds about filling the vacancy on Council. The Circuit Court is now involved. Katrina released a Confidentiality Agreement with the former Police Chief due to a FOIA request. Two RTAB members are needed.
- **Highland Park**- Cathy has indicated that the City has over 500 aged payables including a DTE bill of \$200K for the water pumping station. She said that the information in the 2014 Audit indicated that there is approximately \$1.2M of accounts payable. The OPEB report from Meadowbrook indicates that the City reduced OPEB costs by \$1.25M for the upcoming 12 month period.
- **Lincoln Park**-His exit will be in December. We will be discussing the final order with Brad next week. We are hoping to find several RTAB candidates soon. E-Loan may be necessary? Five RTAB members are needed. Brad feels that the 345 ballot request has a good chance of success. The MERS pension funding issue.
- **Inkster**- the City has reached an agreement with Wayne County on its \$4.9M sewer debt. A judgement levy for several years will be likely be placed on the July 2016 tax roll. The City will end its fiscal year with a \$1.5M fund balance. The Parks and Rec. millage may be successful.
- **Pontiac**-Jane Di Sessa will start on October 26. The Mayor and I will be meeting with two council members to discuss the hiring of an executive secretary and other issues. The Pontiac RTAB exit plan is nearing completion. The Mayor would like to do a study of the Phoenix Center. Problem with the GERS Board financial advisor and Board Members. One RTAB member is needed. Annual RTAB evaluation soon.
- **River Rouge**- the City was chosen by the Governor to be a part of the Rising Tide Initiative. An exit memo is being drafted
- **Royal Oak Township**- I will be contacting MSHDA regarding housing opportunities in the Township. Additional police discussions with Ferndale and Hazel Park are needed. Patrick and I