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**TO:** The Honorable Detroit City Council

**FROM:** David Whitaker, Director Legislative Policy Division 

**DATE:** April 21, 2025

**RE:** **REPORT REGARDING JOSH MAN'S PETITION TO SPEAK BEFORE CITY COUNCIL**

During Formal Session on April 14, 2026, City Council requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) provide an analysis of Josh Man's petition to speak before Council.

Rule 22 of the Rules of Order for the Detroit City Council provides the procedure for persons wishing to address the Council. The Rule requires the petitioner to provide "a paragraph stating their standing and/or interest in the subject matter." Mr. Man is advocating that the City should provide space in its public parks for artists, particularly those who are younger, to practice street art/graffiti. He states that this will provide street artists with necessary experience without risking criminal prosecution.

Mr. Man has a 1.5-acre art park where he is currently allowing for these activities to take place. He would like to play a video for City Council showcasing the work that he is doing. This is a matter that would likely be most appropriate for the Neighborhoods & Community Services Standing Committee, should the body decide to allow for the presentation.

Please contact our office if you require any further assistance in this matter.