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TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: FY24 Budget: City Clerk

DATE: March 17, 2023

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**Question #1:** Does this plan and associated budget respond to or address the very long wait times that people experienced in November 2022 so we can hopefully avoid it in the future? (Councilmember Akmon)

**Response:** The Clerk's Office is seeking additional funding for election administration for the 2024 election cycle as well as planning for long-term improvements and changes. Following the 2022 turnout on campus for election day registration, and the voter approved ballot initiative, *Promote the Vote 2*, plans are in place to implement true early voting by the Presidential Primary 2024. The 2024 plan for the satellite offices on campus will include true early voting, but also recognizes the nature of student turnout and the impact of Election Day registration. To better manage a single day rush of voter registration, the 2024 implementation will include additional funding for an increase in staffing and equipment for Election Day. Staff intends to continue to work with our University partners to promote early voting and early voter registration with a month-long presence on campus, but we are also requesting resources to plan for a major single day turnout.



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SUBJECT: FY24 Budget: Public Safety Rebate

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**Question #1:** What is the public safety rebate that was referenced in the presentation (1) (Councilmember Akmon)

**Response:** The Public Safety rebate as referenced in the budget presentation, is a portion of the rebate the City receives from the Washtenaw County Mental Health and Public Safety Preservation Millage. The 1 mill levied is allocated as follows:

- 38% shall be allocated to Washtenaw County's Community Mental Health Department for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention, and to meet mental health needs in an appropriate setting, thus reducing the burden on the jail and improving care;
- 38% shall be allocated to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office to ensure continued operations and increased collaboration with the mental health community; and
- 24% shall be allocated to jurisdictions in the County which maintain their own police force (currently Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Milan, Saline, Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township and Northfield Township) in proportion to their respective 2016 population values.

On July 3, 2017 City Council passed [R-17-261](#) which directs the use of Ann Arbor's share of the public safety rebate as follows:

- 40% to effect the goals of Ann Arbor's Climate Action Plan (operating & capital)
- 20% to improve Pedestrian Safety (e.g., Enforcement Augmentation, Crosswalk Improvements, RRFBs, Streetlights) (operating & capital)
- 40% to effect the goals of the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment (a/k/a Washtenaw County Housing Affordability and Economic Equity Analysis) and to increase Workforce Housing (operating & capital) with guidance by the Housing and Human Services Advisory Board