

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In re:  
City of Detroit, Michigan,  
Debtor.

Bankruptcy Case No. 13-53846  
Judge Thomas J. Tucker  
Chapter 9

**GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF DETROIT AND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S  
RESPONSE TO THE CITY OF DETROIT'S MOTION FOR THE ENTRY  
OF AN ORDER ENFORCING THE CONFIRMATION ORDER AND THE  
CITY'S CONFIRMED PLAN AGAINST LORENZO RIPPY**

The General Retirement System for the City of Detroit (“GRS”), and the Board of Trustees for the General Retirement System (“Board”) by its undersigned counsel, VanOverbeke, Michaud, Timmony, P.C., file this *Response to the Motion for the Entry of an Order Enforcing the Confirmation Order and the City's Confirmed Plan Against Lorenzo Rippy* (“Response”). In support of this Response, GRS and the Board, respectfully state as follows:

1. The GRS and the Board have reviewed the *City of Detroit's Motion for the Entry of an Order Enforcing the Confirmation Order and the City's Confirmed Plan Against Lorenzo Rippy* (the “Motion”) and concur with the relief requested therein.

2. The GRS and the Board agree that this Court retains jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Motion pursuant to the confirmed Eight Amended Plan for



the Adjustment of Debts of the City of Detroit (the “Plan”), which was confirmed by this Court and is binding on all parties.

3. The Plan provides that this Court retains jurisdiction to interpret, implement, and enforce the provisions of the Plan and resolve any disputes arising in connection with the Plan or its implementation, which includes matters that may be governed by contested matter procedures under FRBP 9014.

4. The GRS and the Board agree that Lorenzo Rippey violated the Plan injunction and the November 12, 2014 Confirmation Order by filing his Lawsuit in the Wayne County Circuit Court.

5. Because the issues raised in the Motion arise in connection with and under the terms of the confirmed Plan, jurisdiction appropriately lies with this Court, and entry of the City of Detroit’s proposed order is proper.

6. Accordingly, the GRS and the Board concur in the relief requested in the Motion and respectfully requests that the Court grant the same.

**WHEREFORE**, GRS and the Board respectfully request that this Honorable Court enter an order granting the relief requested in the Motion and such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: June 25, 2025

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**EXHIBIT LIST**

Exhibit 1

Certificate of Service

**EXHIBIT 1 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on June 25, 2025, I served a copy of the foregoing *Response to the City of Detroit's Motion for the Entry of an Order Enforcing the Confirmation Order and the City's Confirmed Plan Against Lorenzo Rippy* upon counsel for Lorenzo Rippy via first class mail and email at the address below:

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