## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re

Chapter 9

CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN,

Case No. 13-53846

Hon. Steven W. Rhodes

Debtor.

**Expedited Consideration Requested** 

EX PARTE MOTION OF CITY OF DETROIT FOR ENTRY OF ORDER ADJOURNING HEARING ON (1) MOTION OF DEBTOR FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE ASSUMPTION OF THAT CERTAIN FORBEARANCE AND OPTIONAL TERMINATION AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 365(A) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, (II) APPROVING SUCH AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 9019, AND (III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF [DKT NO. 157]; (2) DEBTOR'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE TESTIMONY OF ALEXANDRA SCHWARZMAN [DKT NO. 893]; (3) OBJECTORS' MOTION IN LIMINE TO PRECLUDE DEBTOR FROM OFFERING EVIDENCE REGARDING THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS, COMPLEXITY, AND EXPENSE OF CLAIMS THE CITY SEEKS TO SETTLE WITH THE FORBEARANCE AND OPTIONAL TERMINATION AGREEMENT [DKT NO. 933]; (4) OBJECTORS' MOTION IN LIMINE TO PRECLUDE DEBTOR FROM OFFERING EVIDENCE REGARDING THE CITY'S NEED TO OBTAIN CASINO REVENUES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION FINANCING EFFORTS [DKT NO. 935]; (5) DEBTOR'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE TESTIMONY OF SAQIB BHATTI [DKT. NO. 944]; AND (6) OBJECTORS' MOTION TO ADMIT CERTAIN DEPOSITION TESTIMONY OF KEVYN ORR AND **KENNETH BUCKFIRE [DKT NO. 954]** 

The City of Detroit's Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Assumption of that Certain Forbearance and Optional Termination Agreement Pursuant to Section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, (II) Approving Such Agreement Pursuant to Rule 9019, and (III) Granting Related Relief (the "Assumption Motion") is currently set to be heard before this Court on September 24, 2013, together with hearings on certain related evidentiary motions. *See* Docket Nos. 893, 933, 935, 944 and 954 (the "Evidentiary Motions").

A number of objections to the Assumption Motion were filed by various entities (collectively, the "**Objectors**"). The City is engaged in ongoing discussions with the Objectors to try to resolve some or all of those objections. The City believes that an adjournment of the hearing on the Assumption Motion and the Evidentiary Motions, in order to allow those discussions to continue, would promote efficiency and be in the best interest of all parties.

Accordingly, the City hereby moves for entry of an order, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1, adjourning the hearing on the Assumption Motion and the Evidentiary Motions.

### **CONCURRENCE**

The City has sought and obtained the concurrence of Syncora

Guarantee Inc., Financial Guaranty Insurance Company, UBS AG and Merrill

Lynch Capital Services, Inc. in the relief requested herein. The Objectors received notice of the relief requested herein on September 20, 2013.

Dated: September 23, 2013 Respectfully submitted,

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## **EXHIBIT 1**

## PROPOSED ORDER

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ORDER ADJOURNING HEARING	

This matter having come before the Court on the motion of the Debtor, and the Court being otherwise advised in the premises;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any responses to the Evidentiary

Motions shall be filed no later than \_\_\_ days prior to the Hearing. Any replies in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Debtor's motion.

support of the Assumption Motion or the Evidentiary Motions shall be filed no later than \_\_ days prior to the Hearing.