UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re:

CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN,

Chapter 9 Case No. 13-53846 Hon. Steven W. Rhodes

Debtor.

EX PARTE MOTION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR ORDER ALLOWING RESPONSE BRIEF TO JOINT PRETRIAL BRIEF OF BOND INSURERS

The Attorney General moves *ex parte* for the entry of an order authorizing him to file the attached brief.

1. The Court's most recent pretrial scheduling order allows for the filing of trial briefs but not briefs in response. On August 27, 2014, certain creditors—the Bond Insurers—filed a 174-page joint pretrial brief objecting to the DIA Settlement (Document No. 7103). Much of the brief directly disputes the legal reasoning of AG Opinion No. 7272; it also addresses other issues relevant to charitable trusts, which the Attorney General supervises and enforces on behalf of the people of Michigan. 2. Because the City's Plan—specifically, the DIA Settlement fully preserves the DIA Collection in perpetual charitable trust for the people of Michigan, the Attorney General supports this resolution and has not materially participated in the confirmation hearing. Given that the Attorney General issued his opinion in June 2013, the Court and other parties have had the benefit of his analysis for more than a year. Because the Bond Insurers dedicated a significant portion of their filing to addressing the opinion, the Attorney General contends that the Court will benefit from his response to the Bond Insurers' arguments.

3. To further explain his formal opinion and to otherwise clarify matters relevant to charitable trust law, the Attorney General respectfully requests that the Court enter an order allowing for the filing of the attached response brief.

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ORDER GRANTING *Ex Parte* Motion of the Attorney General for Order Allowing Response Brief to Joint Pretrial Brief of Bond Insurers

After consideration of the Attorney General's motion to file a response brief to

the joint pretrial brief of the Bond Insurers, the Court finds good cause to allow the

Attorney General to file a response brief.

The Court, therefore, GRANTS the Attorney General's motion.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

That the Attorney General's response brief attached to the *ex parte* motion is accepted as filed with the Court.

Steven Rhodes

United States Bankruptcy Judge