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***Emergency Financial Managers, What's next?***

Problem solving is a highly regarded skill. Consequently, the financial state of the City of Detroit and the looming possibility of an emergency financial manager take over pose as one of Detroit's largest problems in need of extraordinary skill. Detroit cannot look to any one individual or book for a standardized solution to this looming dilemma. So, the Detroit Association of Black Organizations (DABO) is proactively seeking solutions through structured discussion with local officials, the community at large and the DABO membership. Rev. Horace Sheffield, Executive Director of DABO is spearheading the dialogue about the financial state of the City of Detroit and the



effects of the new emergency financial manager legislation on **Saturday, May 7, 2011 at the Detroit Cares Facility located at 8100 W. Davison, Detroit, from 8:30am-10:00am during a live broadcast on WGPR 107.5 radio. A panel of participants will include the Director of the Michigan Center for Election Law, Jocelyn Benson, Hon. Bert Johnson, State Senate, Hon. David Nathan, State Representative, and Hon. Joann Watson, Member, Detroit City Council.**

The newly enacted legislation on emergency financial managers has communities across the state anxious about the future of their cities, public services and their constitutional right to democracy. When asked Rev. Sheffield said, "I believe that the solution to most of our problems in Detroit lies in a parallel path of influence and action. We must consistently influence our elected officials about our needs as a community while also taking action to protect what's working or implement viable solutions. Emergency financial managers have a role in our cities that have been mismanaged but this new law over extends their reach of power and leaves us voters wondering what happened to the democratic process."

The new legislation and financial state of the city's finances will be the primary topics of discussion at the DABO House of Delegates meeting and all are welcomed. Registration begins at 8:15am and the panel discussion will be held from 9:15am to 11:00am. DABO is comprised of over 150 organizations dedicated to building organizational capacity for its affiliates and other non-profits, small minority businesses, and community organizations. The DABO office is open Monday-Friday at 313-491-0003.



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