

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION – DETROIT

In the matter of
THE CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN

CHAPTER 9 CHAPTER 9
Case No. 13 53846 swr
HONORABLE STEVEN RHODES

MEMORANDUM re DOC # 3319
And attempts to PACerFILE
OBJECTIONS TO BOTH
THE PROPOSED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND TO
THE PLAN

PACER shut counsel out of filing objections to the plan.

PACER issued DOC #3319 as its acceptance of objections to the disclosure statement ONLY.

PACER continued to refuse all attempts to file after DOC #3319 issuing the same message that #3319 was already accepted. The efforts to file objections to the plan as an attachment failed both as corrected and as amended documents and both with the plan as the document in chief.

In DOC #2727 The Court orders that the objections to the plan and to the disclosure statement be separate and be filed under separate electronic submissions.

Counsel has attempted to comply with the court's order notwithstanding the PACER BLOCKADE.

Were tomorrow a court day counsel would be at the counter making a request to file actual paper documents over the counter.

The various filing attempts counsel presumes were preserved by the sophisticated PACER technology.

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Objections to the proposed Disclosure Statement

Sadly absent from the chapter 9 debtor's disclosure is an acknowledgement of state of the city as it exists, not as a business entity, but as a living breathing organism or more appropriately as the place where perhaps a million living breathing human organisms spend their days and nights.

Some go home. Some stay.

The chapter 9 debtor is asked to acknowledge, by including in its disclosure statement, the following:

- That gang crime is rampant.
- That gangs run the city.
- That the city cannot fathom how to deal with the gangs.

- That gang turf warfare is a constant.
- That gang turf warfare costs lives.
- That gang turf warfare has no regard for bystanders.

- That neither the private gilbert police force, nor the city state county or federal law enforcement entities posted in the city have figured out how to deal with the gangs.
- That the real city of Detroit belongs to the gangs.
- That any plan that does not address the gangs and bring the gangs into the plan is a plan set up to fail.
- That the types of negotiations which must be occurring are negotiations with those in gang power.

- That only working with gangs can achieve a result gangs will respect.
- That gangs will continue to function.
- That gangs in partnership with the new city do have a chance to survive.
- That the city must recognize the power of the gangs, their existence, the weight of their financial pull.

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Objections to the Plan

- Any plan that will be placed into effect must address gangs and must incorporate into it methods to deal directly with the gangs as if they were the occupiers of the city, which in reality, they truly are.
- To variously address the abandoned buildings as blight or eyesore does nothing to improve the situation.
- To throw dollars at the buildings en masse demolishing thousands of them does nothing either.
- For the real challenge would be the challenge involving the rebuilding using the various sources that themselves have been doing their own “rebuilding” all along, that is, the proficient squatters.
- What any real plan should contain is a method by which individuals are encouraged to assist.
- People who now enter homes by force and take over the homes can be stopped.
- The new city need only acknowledge that the procedure for home stealing is sophisticated and ongoing.
- The new city need only say to its residents, “We hear you . . We are here to help you”.
- But for people to live in fear in their own homes only to be greeted . . . some day . . or . . . , . . . day after day by thugs determined to seize them, dispose of them and steal all that they have worked for, is a practice that must cease before the new city can really truly emerge from its present sorry state.

- The chapter 9 debtor is urged to place into its plan a method for taking Detroit back from the gangs.
- Better put, the chapter 9 debtor is urged to set forth a plan incorporating a partnership with the gangs, a partnership geared to working together to make the new city viable for all its residents and a safe place for anyone to work and to live twenty four seven three sixty five.

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