

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

**In re: City of Detroit, Michigan,

Debtor.**

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

**NON-PARTY MACOMB COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO WAYNE COUNTY'S
MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF FACILITATIVE MEDIATOR**

In accordance with the court's April 11, 2014, order (Dkt #3971) directing a response to Wayne County's motion seeking appointment of a facilitative mediator to address the future of the Detroit Department of Water and Sewerage (Dkt #3945), the County of Macomb hereby responds, through counsel, as follows.

The County of Macomb has negotiated in good faith regarding the City of Detroit Emergency Financial Manager's proposed Regional Water Authority, to the extent such were made possible considering the City's failure to timely and forthrightly provide information and data necessary to the County's due diligence obligations to its residents, businesses, and rate payers. At this point in time, mediation of the issue would not be fruitful in any realistic or meaningful manner, and would constitute only a waste of time, effort, and resources.

Respectfully submitted,

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