

# Stop the Rape of Detroit!

**March 2013, the governor appointed a dictator over Detroit.**

- In the November elections, voters overturned the “Emergency Financial Dictator Law,” by 53 to 47% in the state; by 82 to 18% in Detroit.
- Less than a month later, the legislature overturned the people’s vote.
- That made it clear: we have democracy – except when we try to use it!

**Snyder said Detroit was deep in debt – 20 billion dollars in debt.**

**In debt? You bet! And here are the thieves who put it there:**

- GM alone added over a billion dollars to the city’s debt – getting subsidies, tax breaks, free land and free labor from the city.
- Chrysler added hundreds of millions more to the debt; Ford, almost a hundred million more just on the RenCen.
- The Ford family’s football stadium; the Ilitch family’s baseball stadium and two hockey arenas; Compuware’s headquarters; Max Fisher-Al Taubman land deals; Dan Gilbert’s downtown empire; Detroit Axle’s headquarters – deals like these added billions more to city debt.
- The big banks tripled the city’s debt by writing up tricky loan agreements.

**It’s simple: to cut city debt, get that stolen money back.**

**Instead, a dictator comes to aid the tycoons who raped Detroit.**

**Big money has already taken over the city, driving people out.**

- The banks drove 100,000 people out in the sub-prime mortgage scam.
- The city helped drive people out by cutting off services to certain neighborhoods – street lights, road repairs, fire & EMS services, parks.
- The state helped drive people out by shutting down secretary of state offices, social service offices, unemployment offices, etc.
- The Detroit Schools Emergency Financial Dictator drove people out by closing their kids’ schools.
- The wealthy are taking over a city stolen from people who once lived there.

**Let the Thieves Who Ripped Off Detroit Pay Off the Debt!**

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