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TO: Honorable Detroit City Council

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RE: BUFFER SPACE LEGISLATION

This memorandum is in response to the June 21, 2018 memo submitted by the office of Council Member Castañeda-López in regards to a request for the City Planning Commission and the Law Department to work jointly with her office to develop legislation regarding buffer space in the City of Detroit, inclusive of vegetative, spatial and sound buffers.

In June of 2018, Your Honorable Body approved a two-year contract with Code Studio to assist the City Planning Commission is revising and updating the Detroit Zoning Ordinance. Inclusive in that scope of work are appropriate zoning requirements for buffering hazardous waste facilities, low-impact, high-medium, high and very high impact industrial districts. As this work will follow our typical collaborative process there will be opportunity for City Council and city agencies to contribute to this work.

The scope of work is anticipated to be completed in 2020, at which time the recommendations will be presented to the City Planning Commission and ultimately to Your Honorable Body for consideration.

Should you have any additional questions, or concerns, please contact our office directly.