



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

MEMORANDUM

TO: LaJuan Counts, Director
Detroit Construction & Demolition Department

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway *AWC*

DATE: March 15, 2023

RE: 2023-2024 Demolition Department Budget Questions

The office of Council Member Angela Calloway respectfully submits the following questions to the Demolition Department as a part of the 2023-2024 budget hearing process.

1. **QUESTION:** What are the long-term plans for the Demolition Department after the backlog of demolitions is finally eliminated? Will the goals of the Department change and what will be the change?
2. **QUESTION:** What is the plan of action for recovering the actual cost of demolition from the private owners of the dangerous property? How does the Demolition Department coordinate with the Law Department to share information about the costs of demolition?
3. **QUESTION:** How does the Demolition Department use different sources of funds to pay for the costs of demolition? Please explain the difference between Prop N funds; Fire Insurance Escrow Funds; ARPA Funds; and General Funds and how the different funds are used for different types of demolitions, (commercial demolitions, residential demolitions, industrial demolitions, DLBA demolitions, emergency demolitions).
4. **QUESTION:** How many demolitions are still needed to eliminate the backlog of dangerous buildings and how many months will be needed to complete the task?