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TO: Art Thompson, Chief Information Officer
            Department of Innovation and Technology

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway

DATE: March 10, 2023

RE: 2023-2024 Department of Innovation and Technology Budget Questions

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

1. There have been concerns that departments and agencies don't have effective lines of communication and are therefore disrupting and/or slowing the sharing of information,
   a. How is DoIT helping make communication across departments and agencies easier?

2. Data visualization is a tool that the city of Detroit departments could use to effectively communicate dense information about programs, funding sources, partnerships, etc. to the public:
   a. Would a data visualization analyst live in DoIT and help individual departments with analytic requests? Or should each department have its own data visualization specialist?

3. Data sharing seems like a taboo subject due to its potential privacy concerns:
   a. How has the city of Detroit been able to capture and leverage its Data for good? If it hasn't, how can we leverage our data for the benefit of our city and its residents?

4. As far as our hard and soft technological infrastructure, how does the city of Detroit compare to similarly sized cities? Without getting into too much detail, what measures must we take in order to have a world class IT system?