



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council - District 4

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 13, 2023

TO: Eastern Market

FROM: Latisha Johnson
District 4 Councilmember

SUBJECT: Budget Questions

Good morning, Madame Clerk,

I would appreciate answers to the following questions:

1. The Detroit City Council passed a zoning update on September 13, 2022, which became effective September 27, 2022. The zoning update establishes a new zone, MKT (Market and Distribution), which is a combination of existing zones B6 (general business) and M3 (manufacturing), without the intensive uses allowed in M3. The MKT zones focus on food production and distribution-centered district, establishing an area for the expansion of the food industry north and east of the Core Market area, and instituting setback and screening requirements to separate the food industry from residentially zoned areas.

How has the zoning update been received by the Eastern Market business community and what do you anticipate the impact being in FY2024?

2. As a member of the DON, I was made aware that the new development was leading to leasing property was escalating to the point where long time minority business owners were being forced out; Henry the Hatter, Louisiana Creole.. What's being done to ensure this doesn't continue to happen and that legacy business owners remain in place?
3. Do they anticipate new vendor interest? If so, how does that fit into the greater vision for the market? If not, how do they plan to generate interest?

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Latisha Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Councilwoman Latisha Johnson
Detroit Council District 4