



City of Detroit  
Detroit City Council - District 4

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 9, 2023

TO: Museum of African American History

FROM: Latisha Johnson  
District 4 Councilmember

**SUBJECT: Budget Questions**

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Good morning, Madame Clerk,

I would appreciate answers to the following questions:

1. Can the Charles H. Wright Museum be included, or at least placed on the ballot to be voted on to be included, in the same tax capture(s) as the DIA and Detroit Zoo?
2. Is there a sustainability plan for the next 5 years or so and can we incorporate additional resources for the community, particularly the youth and seniors?
3. What budgetary concessions are in place to assure that the Charles H. Wright Museum remains open and operating for the DETROIT community?
4. Can there be some funding available for those residents of Detroit who want to trace their heritage/roots, via the Charles H. Wright Museum, since there were no accurate records kept for the black community until roughly the 1960's?

5. Budget decrease from \$2.6 million in FY 2023 to \$1.9 in FY 2024
  - a. What is the reason for the decrease?
  - b. What was the museum able to do with the extra \$700k in FY 2023 that they can no longer continue to do?
  - c. What or how will the decrease impact services the museum can provide?
  - d. Will the decreased funding result in staff cuts?
6. Can there be an effort by the city to sponsor several “field trips” for DPSCD school students to the African American Museum?

Best regards,



Councilwoman Latisha Johnson  
**Detroit Council District 4**