



**City of Detroit**  
**Detroit City Council - District 4**

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 21, 2023

**TO:** GSD

**FROM:** Latisha Johnson  
District 4 Councilmember

**SUBJECT: Budget Questions**

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Good morning,

I would appreciate answers to the following questions:

1. Due to COVID 19 many people, particularly seniors, are reluctant to travel to meetings and community gatherings. Also, many people do not have adequate transportation. We can better serve these constituents with a mobile office. We have ARPA Funds (COVID 19) that we desire to spend to purchase a mobile unit, which more effective in serving the community than a field office. How can you and the City's Vehicle Steering Committee assist us in this matter?
2. Are the renovations for Sasser Park included in the budget and are they scheduled to begin and end?
3. When will the construction of the Chandler Park Field House begin and when is it scheduled to end?
4. Will the Chandler Park Field House preclude District 4 from getting the full-service recreation center that our community desires?
5. A relatively inexpensive way to beautify the communities is to trim trees and plant them along major streets to extend the work being done in the ten (10) strategic neighborhoods (e.g. Warren/Cadieux). Does the proposed budget address these concerns?
6. There are vacant lots throughout the city that have overgrown and trees and vegetation, which are unsightly and unsafe. How does the proposed budget address this matter?
7. Can we make the Chandler Park Field House a more permanent structure? Domes have the tendency to collapse during heavy snowstorms.
8. Will GSD be partnering with the DLBA to address the cutting of backyards of vacant DLBA owned properties?

9. Residents in Jefferson-Chalmers have been asking for the Tiger Dams to be removed since there hasn't been any flooding from the Detroit River; they want access to their garages and yards. Will GSD be removing the bladder system?

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**