

# City of Detroit

## CITY COUNCIL


**GABRIELA SANTIAGO-ROMERO**  
COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 6

### MEMORANDUM

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TO: LaJuan Counts, Director  
Demolition Department

THRU: Council Member Mary Sheffield, Council President

FROM: Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero 

DATE: March 16, 2023

RE: FY 2023 – 2024 Budget: Demolition Department

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Thank you for your presentation. Please provide a detailed response to the following questions and concerns:

1. What are the short- and long-term goals of the proposed Detroit Construction and Demolition Department?
2. Please explain the rationale behind the inclusion of construction.
3. If the Department pivots towards construction, what can City Council and its residents expect?
  - a. Will the Department shift its focus from trash-out services as a mechanism of stabilization and investigate other stabilization techniques and methods to salvage properties?
4. How is the Department notified of properties that are deemed an emergency demolition?
5. Are there any plans to reevaluate the criteria for properties that are put on the demolition list?

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Cc: Honorable Detroit City Council  
Louise Jones, City Clerk's Office  
Malik Washington, City Council Liaison