

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

With the help of key stakeholders, advocates, and City departments, my Language Access Ordinance (LAO) is now law! We did it!

The LAO, which makes permanent the language access services that City has already been providing under Executive Order 13166, requires all City departments that provide “direct public services” to have a language access plan on file with the Civil Rights, Inclusion, and Opportunity Department (CRIO) and to have a designated staff member to carry it out. The passage of this ordinance is in alignment with Detroit’s status as a Certified Welcoming City and further helps build more inclusive and accessible communities where all residents, regardless of their English Language Proficiency, can be fully engaged in the programs and services in which they may be eligible. Thank you to my colleagues for their unanimous support!

We are still tackling Truck Routes!

I am continuing to work with the Administration to enact a Truck Routes Ordinance (TRO) to protect our infrastructure and improve our quality of life. We are currently working on key definitions and finalizing the process by which a street may be designated a truck route. As we continue to advance this critical piece of legislation, know that I will provide updates via our social media and e-newsletter as they become available.



*I was proud to honor
RollerCade Detroit
with a Spirit of Detroit Award in
recognition of their 70th Anniversary
and their community work.*

SAVE THE DATE / RESERVA LA FECHA

Join Team GSR for our 3rd Annual D6 Celebration at Riverside Park, Shelter 1 (3085 W. Jefferson) from 12-3:00p. This is free, fun, family-friendly event with food, activities, resources, performances, and awards. Please join us!

Únase al Equipo GSR para nuestra 3.ª Celebración Anual del Día 6 en Riverside Park, Refugio 1 (3085 W. Jefferson), de 12:00 a 15:00. Este evento es gratuito, divertido y familiar, con comida, actividades, recursos, presentaciones y premios. ¡Únase a nosotros!



INVESTING IN PEOPLE

As a social worker and organizer, I conduct my work as your Council Member through those lenses – always striving to invest in our residents and neighborhoods. That’s why I was proud to secure \$9m+ in budget wins for the upcoming fiscal year that will directly impact our residents, including: \$3m for Community Violence Intervention; \$2m for bus shelters; \$2m for home repairs; and \$200k for a picnic shelter at Kemeny Rec Center.



Further, Team GSR has also been committed to helping our residents build power through capacity trainings. In May, we organized a Mutual Aid 101 Training because while I will always fight for you at the Council table, I know government alone won’t save us. Thank you to Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, Detroit Southwest Pride, Unity in Our Community TimeBank, and Urban Neighborhood Initiatives for serving on our panel and sharing your expertise! Watch the training at bit.ly/gsr-mutual-aid.



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Dear Neighbor,

I hope that you are enjoying your summer and the longer, sunnier days.

In this newsletter are details about Team GSR's efforts to serve you through people-centered policy and community-centric investments.

If you are in need of assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out—and I hope to see you at our 3rd Annual D6 Celebration on August 16 at Riverside Park!

Yours in service,

Gabriela Santiago-Romero

P.S. Sign up for our e-communications to stay up to date on D6 and City happenings at bit.ly/gaby-newsletter

CAMPBELL STREET APARTMENTS GRAND OPENING

In April, 40 new quality, affordable 1-3 bedroom units opened in D6, where tenants will pay no more than 30% of their income on rent! I was grateful to secure \$300,000 in ARPA funding to help furnish these units for residents to feel the love and care they deserve. You can explore available affordable housing at bit.ly/det-housing.

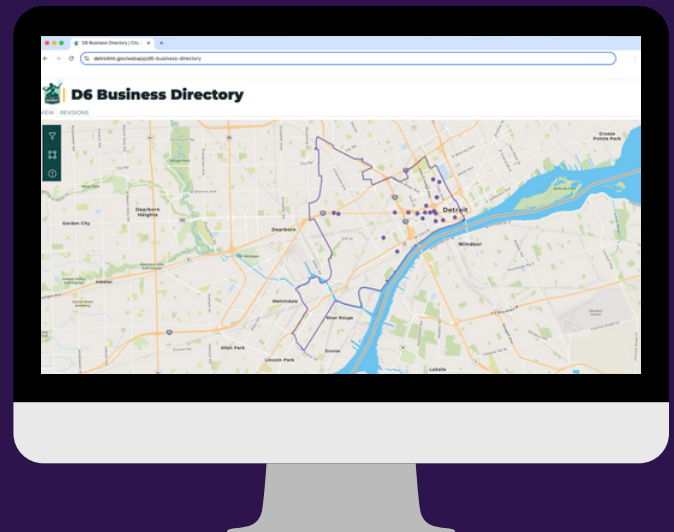


MONTHLY D6 MEETING AT CLASS ACT DETROIT

Team GSR's May Monthly meeting was held at Class Act Detroit in the Midwest - Tireman neighborhood. We heard updates from Housing & Revitalization Department about home repair programs and invited Council Pro Tem Tate to talk about his mental health campaign, #ProtectYourCrown.



D6 BUSINESS DIRECTORY



Team GSR has launched a new, free online directory of and for all businesses in D6. Visit bit.ly/d6-directory to view participating businesses—and even zoom in on what's in your own neighborhood!

As this is a new tool where businesses must sign-up to be included, it will take some time to fully populate. Please encourage your favorite local business to sign up today at bit.ly/d6-directory-form.