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BUDGET, FINANCE, AND AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE



MEMORANDUM

TO:

Assessor's Office, Alvin Horhn

Hon. James Tate Jr., Chair, P&DD Standing Committee Hon. Janee Ayers, Chair, BF&A Standing Committee

FROM:

Hon. Scott Benson, City Council District 3

CC:

Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk David Whitaker, Director, LPD

David Massaron, CFO

Stephanie Washington, City Council Liaison

VIA:

Hon. Brenda Jones, City Council President

DATE:

8 March 2019

RE:

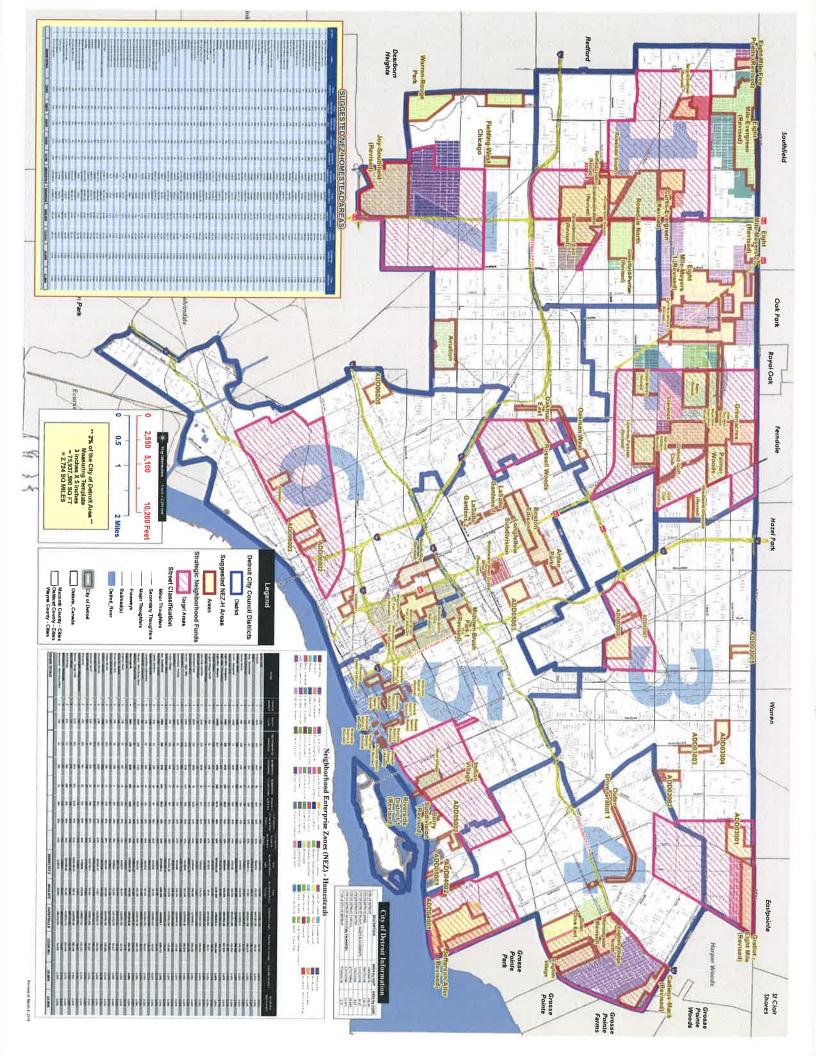
NEZ HOMESTEAD JURISDICTIONS

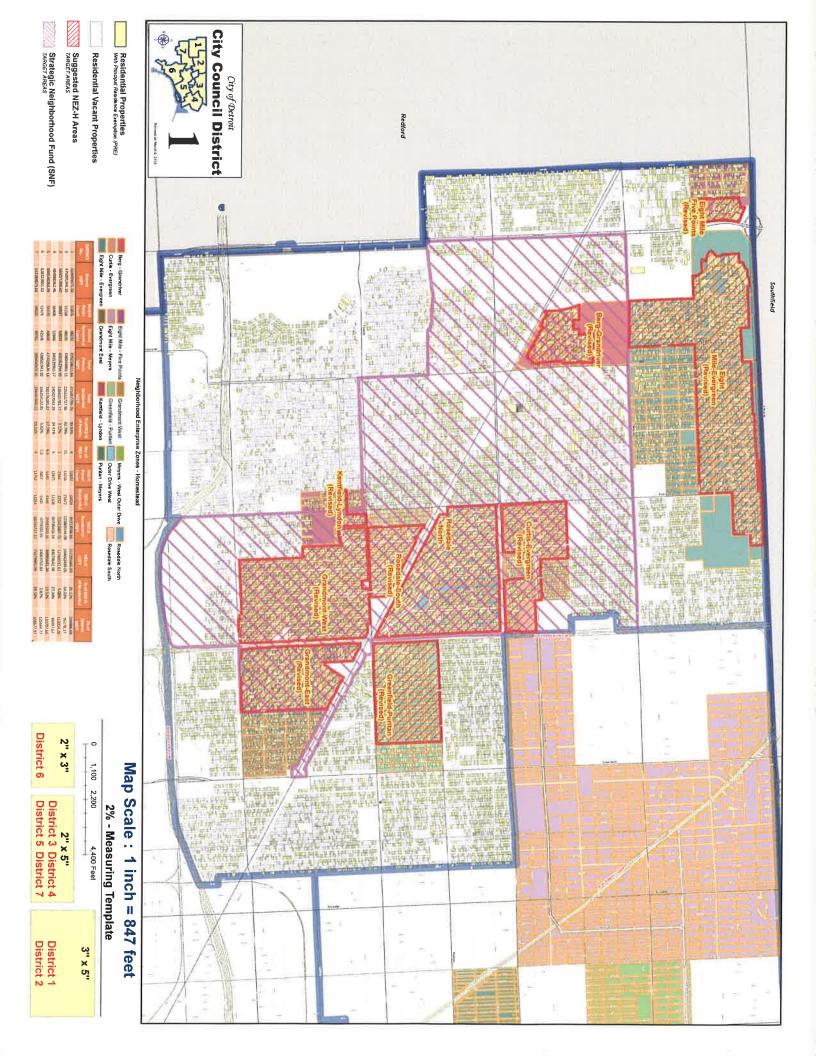
Find attached the citywide NEZh map, dtd. 6 March 2019, that identifies the existing NEZh's and the proposed modifications. The purpose of the modification is to revisit the NEZh program and end them where they are not being used efficiently and place them in areas where they can meet the intent of the program. These incentives should be placed where they can provide the highest and best use. It is my goal to revitalize the NEZh program by communicating the existence of this incentive, which encourages/maintains homeownership in the City of Detroit. I also want to ensure Detroit complies with the state statute.

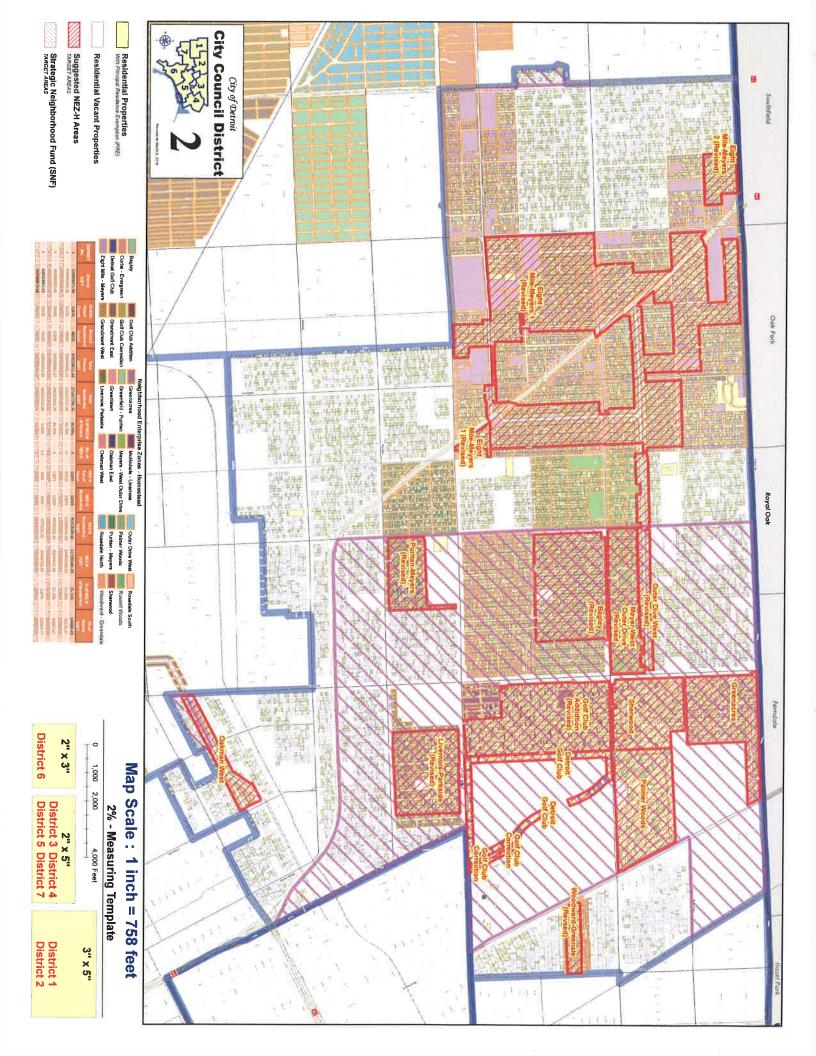
I urge Councilmembers to review the maps, look at the proposed changes and accept or modify the suggested alterations. The individual councilmembers are best positioned to know the nuances of the City within their specialized geographic areas, or take a broader view where a macro perspective is necessary. Included in this package will be four maps:

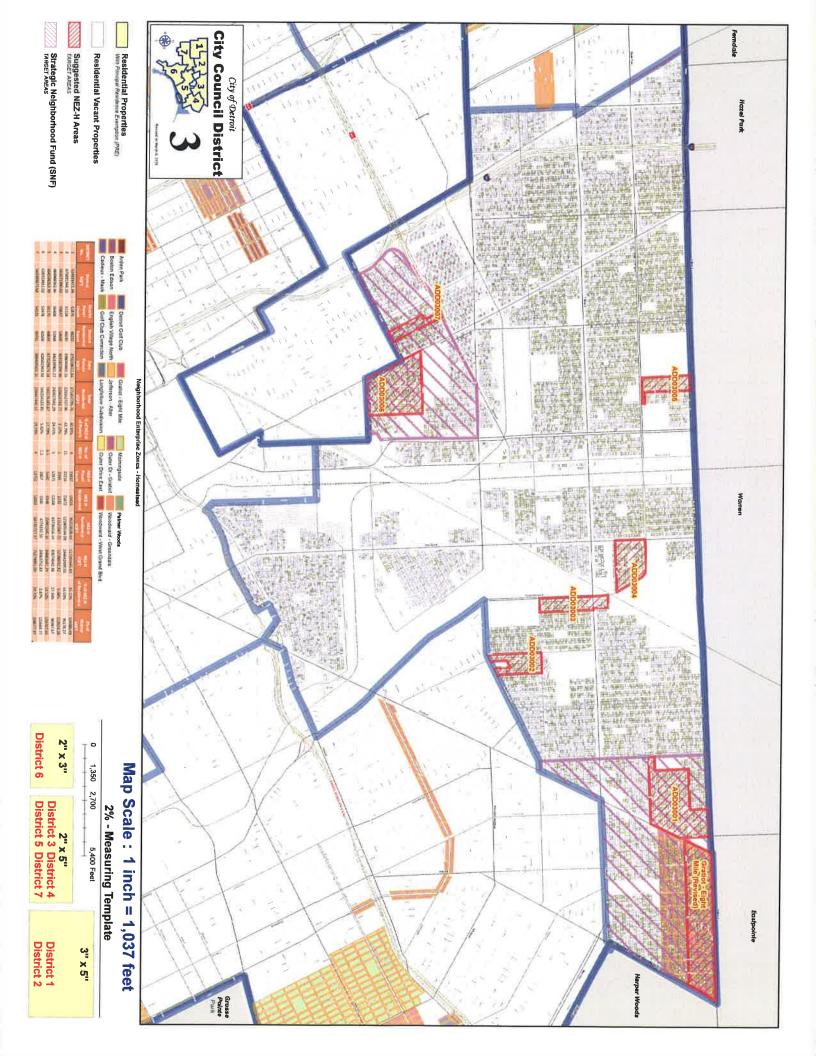
- 1. Proposed/Existing NEZ Boundary Map Citywide
- 2. Proposed/Existing NEZ Boundary Map District
- 3. Existing NEZ Map
- 4. Citywide Household Income Map

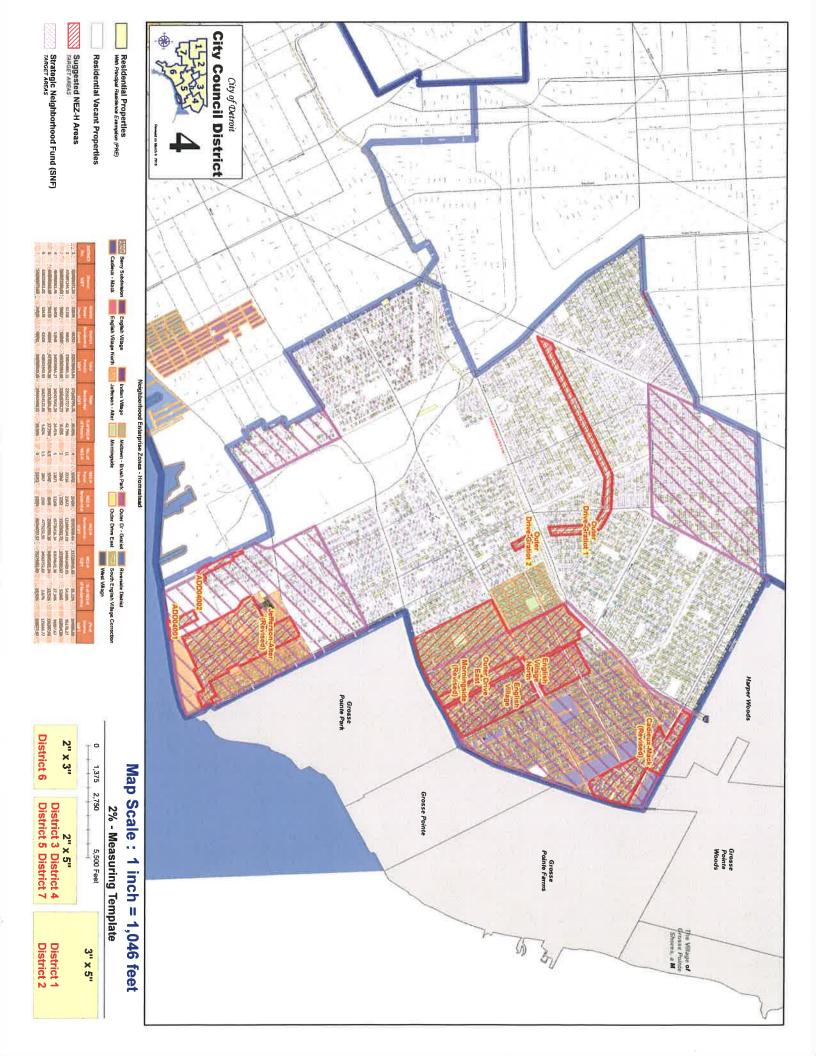
Please provide your feedback by 22 March 2018. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact my office at, 313-224-1198.

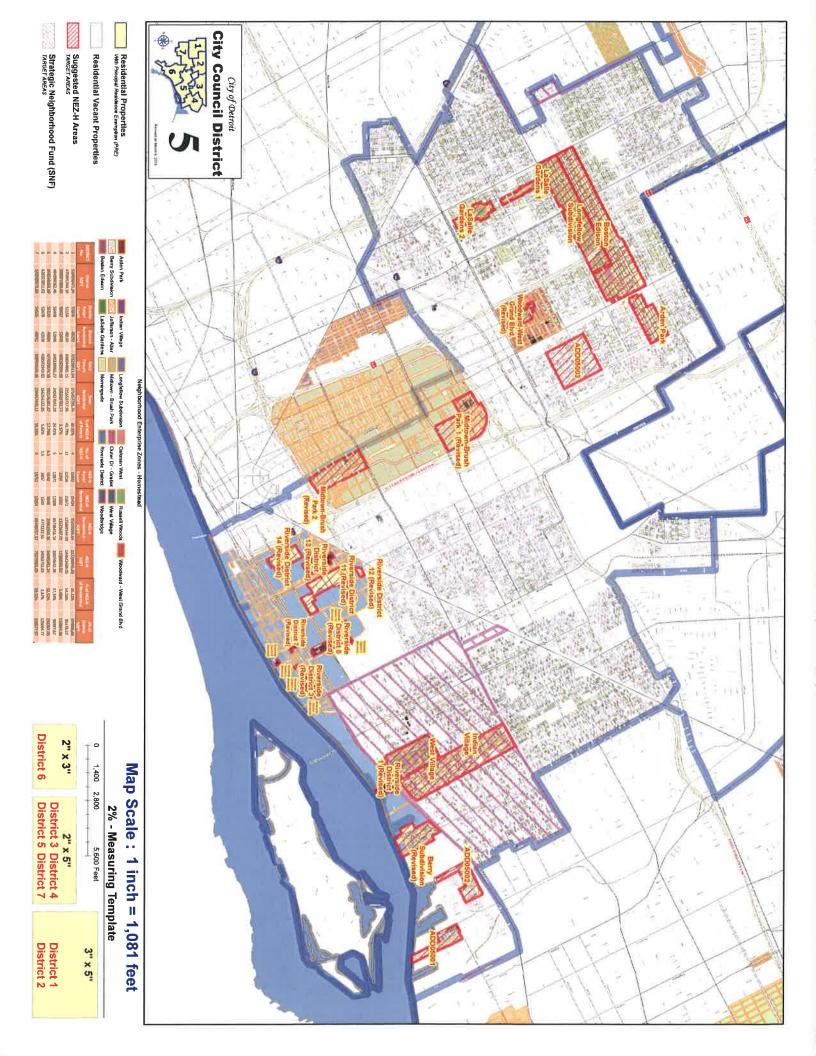


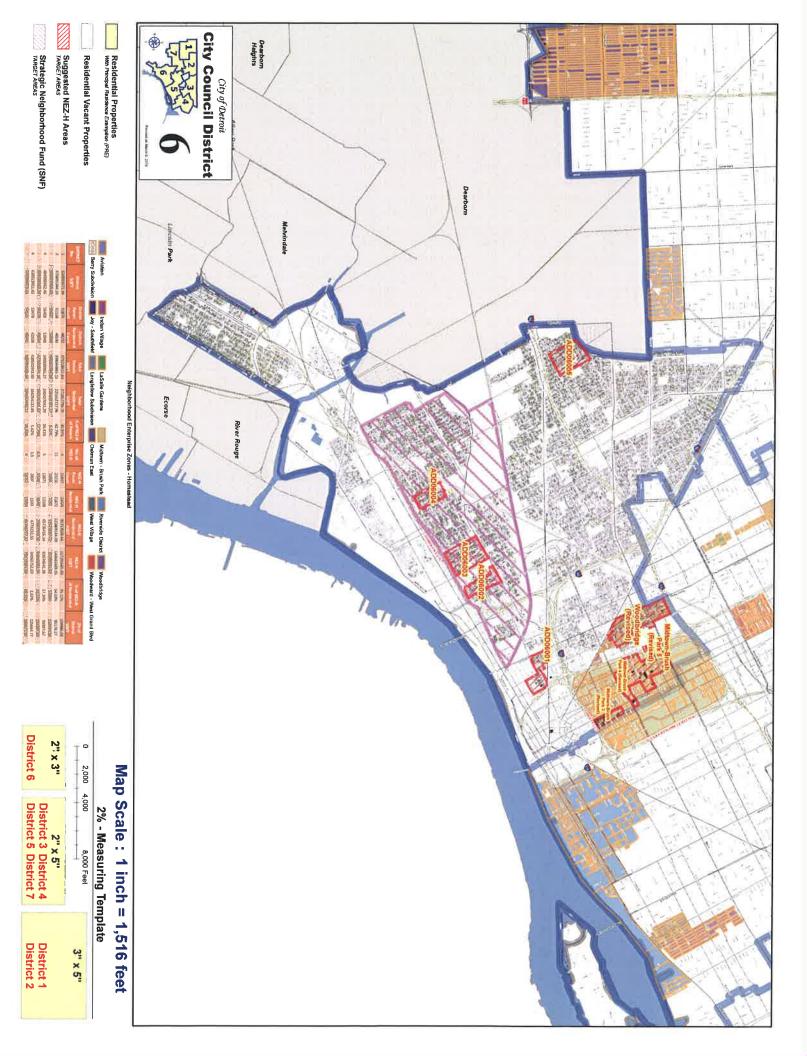


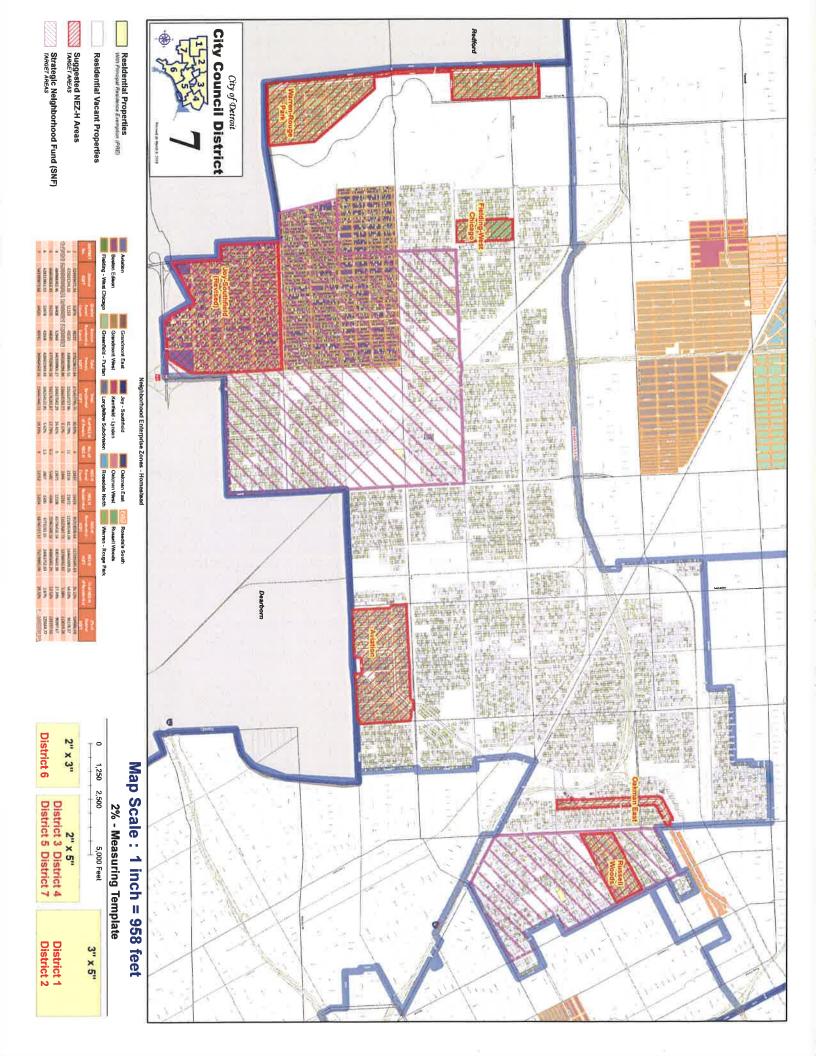


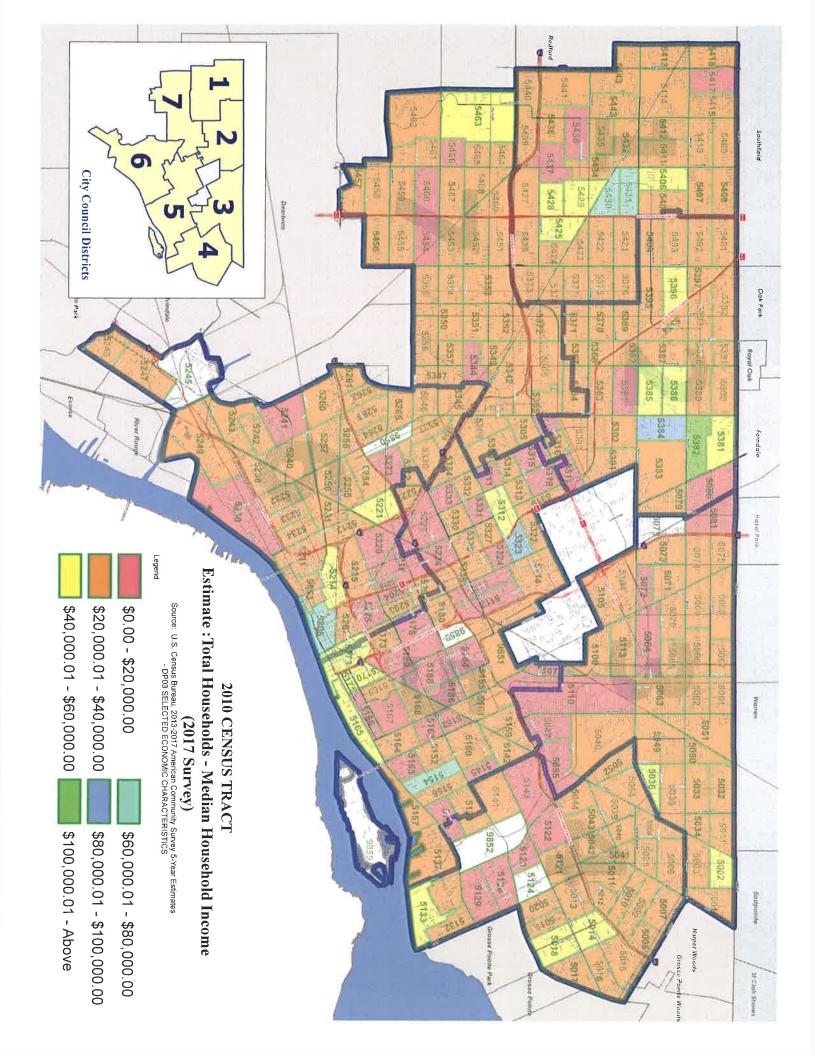


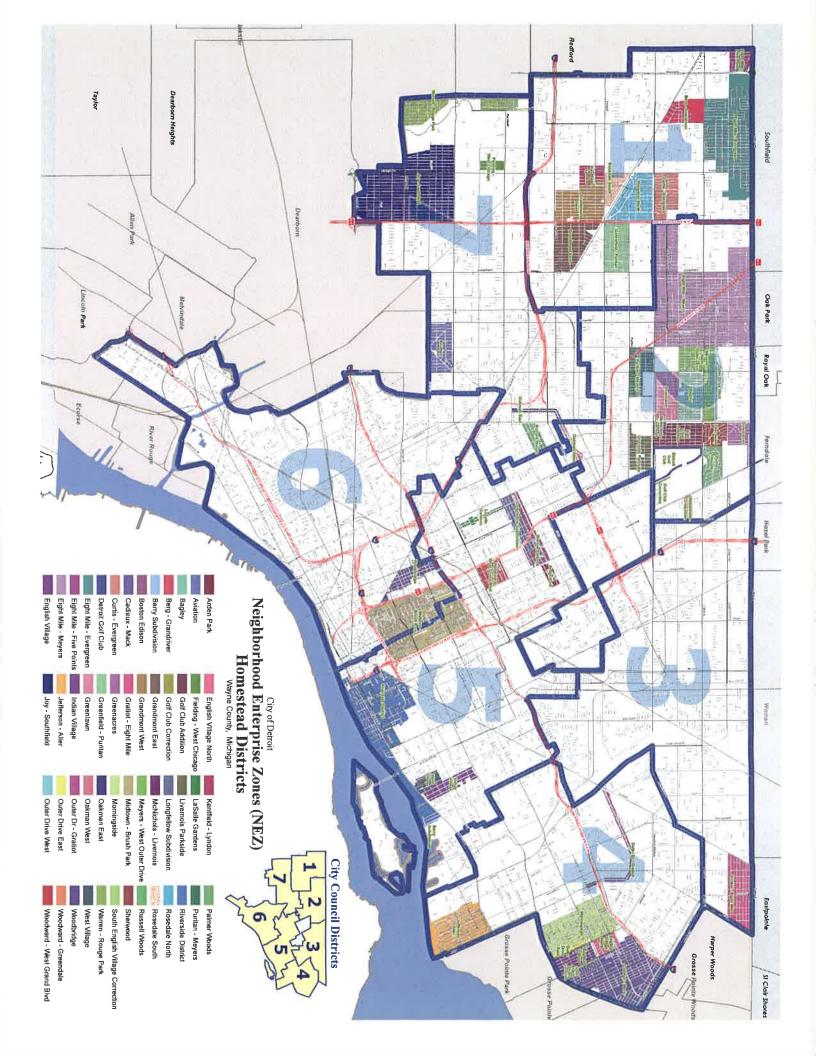












MEMORANDUM

TO:

Gary Brown, Director, DWSD

Brad Dick, GSD

Saskia Thompson, DLBA

VIA:

Council President Brenda Jones

FROM:

Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López

DATE:

March 6, 2019

SUBJECT:

FY 19/20 Budget: Alleys

During the FY 2018-19 budget process, City Council urged the Administration to devise and fund a comprehensive plan to address the conditions of alleys in Detroit, including removal of debris and blight, maintenance of drains, pest control, and installation of lights.

Please respond to the following:

- 1. What is the City's plan to address blighted alleys behind DLBA-owned homes?
- 2. What is the City's plan to maintain the alley drains?
- 3. What is the City's plan regarding alley lighting?

Given that we have not received a response yet, please answer these questions at is pertains to the 2019-2020 Budget.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the office at 313-224-2450. Thank you.

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Donald Rencher, Director, HRD

VIA:

Council President Brenda Jones

FROM:

Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López

DATE:

March 6, 2019

SUBJECT:

FY 19/20 Budget: Credit Repair Workshops

Given that low credit scores are a leading reason for rejected 0% Home Loan program applications, Council requested in the FY 18/19 Closing Resolution that HRD conduct annual credit repair workshops in each Council District.

The Administration responded that DBA participates in the Small Business Empowerment fairs, with a focus on the process of purchasing city owned property. Please respond to the following:

- How has participation in these fairs helped improve residents' credit scores or reduce this barrier?
- If these fairs have not resulted in improvements, what other strategies are being implemented?
- Has the Administration explored the possibility of conducting annual credit repair workshops in addition to the small business empowerment fairs?
- Has any funding been allocated in the FY 19/20 Budget to conduct credit repair workshops?

Given that we have not received a response yet, please answer these questions at is pertains to the 2019-2020 Budget.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the office at 313-224-2450. Thank you,

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Angelica Jones, Department of Transportation

VIA:

Council President Brenda Jones

FROM:

Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López

DATE:

March 6, 2019

SUBJECT:

FY 19/20 Budget: DDOT

Please respond to the following before or during the Budget Hearing on March 11, 2019.

- 1. DDOT previously indicated that a contract was in process for the equity analysis, which will provide information about the potential for a reduced fare category for low-income riders. Please provide a timeline for completion of this study.
- 2. Provide an update on staff, funding, and programs DDOT has implemented to ensure accessibility to DDOT services for LEP populations and persons with disabilities. How many ADA and Title VI complaints have been received and investigated by the Coordinators?
- 3. Provide an update on the enhanced TEO training around customer service and ADA sensitivity.
- 4. What is the current per capita spending per rider? What impact, if at all, will the additional funding (\$13M) have on the per capita spending per rider? If there is not a significant increase in per capita spending to reduce wait times, increase route frequency and improve customer service, how does the administration hope to reach the goal of providing world class public transit?

Please respond to the following questions related to the Strategic Plan for Transportation:

- Which major corridors will receive new bus routes with service every fifteen minutes?
- Which job centers and transit routes will receive first mile/last mile connections?
- What is the status on expanding the free ride pilot for pregnant women to prenatal and postnatal doctor's appointments?
- Will there be an increase in routes that connect people to food, libraries, recreational centers, health care, etc.?
- What is the anticipated financial investment in DDOT from the initiatives mentioned on page 16?
- What is the cost associated with creating a bus stop lighting policy and program? Where will the programs be located?
- How will the comprehensive customer surveys be conducted? Is there funding appropriated?





- How and when will cleanliness of the DDOT buses be improved? Is there funding appropriated?
- Will the new asset management system and tracking tools be for DDOT?
- Who will be on the transportation leadership team?
- Is there a list of the locations for the 50 new bus shelters?
- How many high-priority shelters will be upgraded with real time arrival and departure information?
- How many bus islands will be installed? Where will they be?
- Who is the chief of transportation?

If you have any additional questions, please contact the office at 313-224-2450. Thank you.

CC: Honorable City Council
Louise Jones, City Clerk's Office
Stephanie Washington, City Council Legislative Liaison

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

David Bell, Director, BSEED

Tyrone Clifton, DBA

VIA:

Council President Brenda Jones

FROM:

Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López

DATE:

March 6, 2019

SUBJECT:

FY 19/20 Budget: Demolition Criteria



During the FY 2018-19 budget process, City Council urged the Administration to consider the proximity of blighted buildings to DLBA community partners, active non-profits and other selected neighborhood organizations when determining which residential and commercial structures would be boarded and demolished.

In its response to Council, the Administration said that it is "examining the criteria for prioritizing demolished or boarded structure." Please provide a list of the criteria being considered as well as the timeline for completion of this process.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the office at 313-224-2450. Thank you.

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Saskia Thompson, Director, Detroit Land Bank Authority

Maurice Cox, Planning and Development

VIA:

Council President Brenda Jones

FROM:

Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López

DATE:

March 6, 2018

SUBJECT:

FY 19/20 DLBA Transfers

During the FY 2018-19 budget process, City Council urged the DLBA to develop a specific timeline for the transfer of properties from the City of Detroit to the DLBA, to aid in monitoring the efficiency of housing and blight remediation concerns.

In its response to Council, the Administration noted that "The City of Detroit still owns approximately 6,000 residential properties that it had intended and attempted to transfer to the DLBA previously." Please elaborate on the financial, legal or other barriers that have prevented these transfers.

What is the projected timeline for transferring residential property to the Land Bank and for the Land Bank to transfer any commercial property back to the city?

The DLBA land sale decisions made by the real estate committee is not always clear. Please provide a list of the criteria used to make decisions. Please explain the barriers to making the real estate committee meetings & decision making process public.

Given that we have not received a response yet, please answer these questions at is pertains to the 2019-2020 Budget.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the office at 313-224-2450. Thank you.

City of Detroit





RAQUEL CASTAÑEDA-LÓPEZ COUNCIL MEMBER

DISTRICT 6

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Palencia Mobley, Deputy Director, Detroit Water and Sewerage

THRU:

Council President Brenda Jones

FROM:

Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López

DATE:

March 6, 2019

RE:

FY 19/20 DWSD Budget

Please provide answers to the following questions:

1. 30,000 Catch Basins Program:

- a. Please provide an update regarding the 30,000 catch basins program, e.g., how many residential catch basins have been inspected and cleaned?
- b. Please share a schedule/map of catch basins to be cleaned and inspected next year, including the strategy for problematic areas with frequent flooding.
- c. How much has been appropriated for this program for FY 2018-2019?
- d. How much has been appropriated for this program from FY 2019-2020

Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact my office at 313-224-2450.

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Cc: Honorable Detroit City Council

Stephanie Washington, City Council Liaison, Mayor's Office

Louise Jones, City Clerk's Office

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Denise Starr, Human Resources

VIA:

Council President Brenda Jones

FROM:

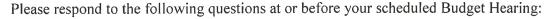
Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López

DATE:

March 6, 2019

SUBJECT:

FY 19/20 Budget Questions HR



- During the FY 2018-19 budget process, City Council urged the Human Resources
 Department to conduct a classification study of all City Council staff, and add an
 Administrative Assistant IV classification. The Administration indicated it would
 complete the survey and make recommendations. Please provide an update on the status
 of the progress in completing this survey and providing recommendations for
 adjustments.
- 2. How many job fairs did HR participate in last year? What efforts were made to increase access to City jobs for applicants who speak English as a second language?
- 3. How many Detroiters were hired for new positions? How many returning citizens were hired?
- 4. Has HR introduced the supplementary sexual harassment prevention course option for employees?
- 5. What is the status of adding a language abilities and proficiency question to the City's application?

If you have any additional questions, please contact the office at 313-224-2450. Thank you.

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Maurice Cox, Planning and Development Department

VIA:

Council President Brenda Jones

FROM:

Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López

DATE:

March 6, 2019

SUBJECT:

FY 19/20 Master Plan Update

During the FY 2018-19 budget process, Council urged a wholesale update of the Master Plan, including neighborhood plans, a future mobility plan, and open space plan.

In its response, the Administration provided an update on funding to create a transportation master plan and a downsized effort for master planning of Public Lands (open spaces) in the Greater Mohican Regent area.

Please respond to the following regarding the wholesale update of the City's Master Plan:

- What is the Administration's plan and timeline for developing a city-wide open spaces plan?
- What is the Administration's plan to develop a comprehensive update to the Master Plan to include neighborhood plans beyond those selected for SNF investment?
- What is the timeline for creating an implementable urban agriculture policy that fosters and supports long-term farming?

Given that we have not received a response yet, please answer these questions at is pertains to the 2019-2020 Budget.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the office at 313-224-2450. Thank you.

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Maurice Cox, Planning and Economic Development

Ron Brundidge, Public Works

VIA:

Council President Brenda Jones

FROM:

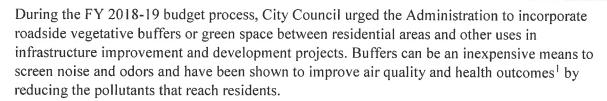
Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López

DATE:

March 6, 2019

SUBJECT:

FY 19/20 Budget: Vegetative Buffers



In its response, the Administration mentioned some environmentally friendly steps that have been taken to modernize facilities and recycle.

Please provide information on any efforts to incorporate buffer space in City projects, and identify any funding that has been allocated for this purpose.

Given that we have not received a response yet, please answer these questions at is pertains to the 2019-2020 Budget.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the office at 313-224-2450. Thank you.

¹ According to CAPHE, buffers can lead to "improvements over time in respiratory diseases such as asthma and reduced lung irritation, coughing, and difficulty breathing; reduced lung diseases; fewer heart attacks, irregular heartbeat, and cases of cardiovascular disease; fewer low birth weight infants; and cancer." See CAPHE. *Buffers and Barriers*. 2016 available at http://caphedetroit.sph.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Resource-Manual-7.3-Buffers-and-Barriers-10-4-16-Website-Version.pdf





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MARY SHEFFIELD
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: Arthur Jemison, Chief Services and Infrastructure Officer, Mayor's Office

Boysie Jackson, Chief Procurement Officer, Office of Contracting and Procurement

THROUGH: Council Member Janeé Ayers, Chair, Budget, Finance and Audit Standing Committee

FROM: Council President Pro Tem Mary Sheffield

DATE: March 8, 2019

RE: Request for Guidelines and Rules for the Proposed \$50 Million Demolition Allocation

to Ensure Detroiters Benefit from the Contracts

The Administration, as a part of the FY 2019-20 budget proposal, is proposing to use City funds to continue the demolition program. I am requesting that Administration develop the guidelines and rules for the use of the funds to ensure the following:

- Detroiters receive 51% of the jobs associated with the contracts
- Equalization credits are provided for certified Detroit-Headquartered, Detroit-Resident, Detroit-Based, Detroit Small Business and Detroit Disadvantaged Business Enterprises
- Contractors are required to be Section 3 compliant as certified by the City of Detroit
- Plans are submitted to City Council establishing rules and protocols for the verification of backfill materials used to fill holes prior to expending funds
- Plans are submitted to expend funds in all Council Districts and outside of HHF areas

I am also requesting to receive, in writing, information on how the program will be managed and if any money will be transferred to any other entity such as the DBA and /or DLBA.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
Honorable City Clerk
Legislative Policy Division
Stephanie Washington, Liaison, Mayor's Office