

# **City of Detroit**

## **Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

**Community Outreach Report for the Mayor's Proposed Fiscal  
Year 2022-2023 Budget and FY 2023-2026 Four-Year Financial  
Plan**

**Submitted to City Council April 13, 2022**

**Submitted in fulfilment of the requirements of the Article X  
of Chapter 12 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, "Community  
Outreach"**



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## **Introduction and Overview**

The Community Outreach Ordinance (COO) requires that the FY2022-2023 Budget (“FY23 Budget”) is informed by a public outreach campaign. The Administration held Budget Priorities Forums for each Council District, the Annual Public Budget Meeting, and publicized the inbox to receive public comment on the budget (yourbudget@detroitmi.gov). This is a report of findings and insights from public engagement.

OCFO-Office of Budget worked with the Department of Neighborhoods (DONs) to hold the Budget Priorities Forums in the DONs standing monthly District Meetings. At least one Detroit City Council member was present at each of the meetings. Because of the public health emergency, the meetings were held on Zoom. Some meetings used Facebook Live; some included “chat” functionality. These forums were held in accordance with the COO “Citywide Proposal” section. In each of the forums, The Office of Budget provided 10 minutes overview, facilitated interactive poll questions, and opened the floor for public comment for the rest of the session. Soft one minute speaker limits were utilized. The Office of Budget answered questions and provided real-time responses where possible and appropriate.

<b>District</b>	<b>Date, Time of DON Standing Monthly District Meeting</b>	<b>Engagement Media Used</b>	<b>Zoom Participant / Commenters</b>
District 1	January 27, 2022; 5:30 p.m.	Zoom, chat, fb live, inbox	92 / 11
District 2	February 8, 2022; 6 p.m.	Zoom, fb live, inbox	97 / 20
District 3	January 25, 2022; 5 p.m.	Zoom, chat, inbox	52 / 16
District 4	January 25, 2022; 5 p.m.	Zoom, inbox	103 / 24
District 5	January 18, 2021; 5:30 p.m.	Zoom, inbox	127 / 30
District 6	January 20, 2022; 5 p.m.	Zoom, inbox	86 / 18
District 7	January 26, 2022; 5 p.m.	Zoom, fb live, inbox	105 / 21

Note: 10-15 participants per meeting were in official City of Detroit capacity

<b>Outreach Method to Satisfy Ordinance</b>	<b>Attendees / Commenters</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Council Budget Forums – participants, commenters	662 / 140	247 comments
“yourbudget@detroitmi.gov” permanent inbox	48	106 comments
Total participants / commenters	710 / 188	353 comments

Note: Comments are specific to Priorities (excludes service requests or other conversation); Forum counts include spoken and chat room where enabled.

In addition, the 2021 Annual Public Budget Meeting focused on education and summarized programs, activities, and budgets of all departments. Ninety public participants were present, and eight members of the public made comments at the meeting, but those comments are not included in this report.

## **Notice Provided to Organize the Community Outreach Process**

The Office of Budget promoted the District Budget Priorities Forums using city email blasts, in-meeting announcements, social media, and traditional press releases. Noticing efforts included:

<b>GovDelivery Outreach</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>Delivery Rate</b>	<b>Open Rate</b>
Citywide email (3 weekly)	Jan. 10, 2022	59,000*	n/a	n/a
All forums media advisory	Jan. 11, 2022	376	96%	27%
D5 and D6 forums media advisory	Jan. 18, 2022	376	96%	26%
D3, D4, D7, D1 forums advisory	Jan. 24, 2022	375	96%	23%
Call in to D7, D1 forums advisory	Jan. 26, 2022	375	96%	24%
D2 forum media advisory	Feb. 8, 2022	373	95.7%	17%

\*Average number of recipients per email

The list of media efforts is as follows:

- Live tweets from OCFO's new and growing twitter page during 6 of 7 forums, to increase visibility
- City email reaching all city employee accounts
- Emails from host Department of Neighborhoods districts to their bases
- Council President Sheffield's Office notified member offices to promote the forums
- In-meeting announcements through the Department of Neighborhoods weekly DONcast in January, and at the Annual Public Budget Meeting in October 2021
- Media advisories issued in the 3 successive weeks of the meetings

Earned media included a mention in a Detroit Free Press interview with CFO Jay Rising. Mentions in the media also included an on-air editorial from WXYZ General Manager on January 20, 2022 (<https://www.wxyz.com/news/opinion/editorial-your-chance-to-participate-in-detroit-virtual-budget-forums-to-shape-the-citys-future>). Earned media for public engagement in general included a WDET story in the Fall (October 19, 2021 "City of Detroit prepares to open talks with Residents on the Budget"). OCFO-Budget also promoted its permanent inbox, [yourbudget@detroitmi.gov](mailto:yourbudget@detroitmi.gov), to collect feedback for any initiatives.

## **Concerns Raised During the Outreach Process**

The Forums included two interactive engagement exercises in addition to open public comment. Appendix D includes video links to each Forum, and Appendix E shows all comments received through the [yourbudget@detroitmi.gov](mailto:yourbudget@detroitmi.gov) inbox.

The Budget Office compiled 353 comments from remarks made by 188 commenters: 140 who spoke or wrote chats at the budget forums, and 48 through the email inbox [yourbudget@detroitmi.gov](mailto:yourbudget@detroitmi.gov). A "comment" was defined as a statement or delineation of priorities; questions of fact, inquiries, or requests were not counted as comments. The Budget Office grouped comments into categories and organized them by five strategic outcomes. A total of 353 comments have thus been grouped into 41 comment categories.



Thirteen topics that received a single unique mention were not grouped and show at the bottom of each section chart. The following seven categories reflect nearly half of all comments recorded.

Right to Counsel to prevent evictions/foreclosures	20
Building Conservation	19
Public Facilities improvement	32
Affordable Housing	36
Fixing Flood-Related Infrastructure and remediating those harmed	29
Neighborhood Rebuilding	15
Stronger Building Code Enforcement targeting all owners	13
	164 (46%)

#### SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS OUTCOME

Residents mentioned a wide variety of safety-related priorities. Within safer neighborhoods, building code enforcement attracted the most attention, then increased officer presence in the communities, followed by street design safety and concerns with speeding. Comments about adding cameras were made as frequently as those requesting to eliminate surveillance, and compared to last year, residents in forums this year were less likely to mention redirecting funds from the policing to quality-of-life services.

COMMENT CATEGORIES	Count
Building code enforcement	13
More community presence of officers	7
Street design, maintenance for safety	6
Police budget reform & reinvestment	6
Add cameras in neighborhoods, streets	4
More demolition, especially commercial	3
Ticket speeders in neighborhoods	3
Mental health response tools	2
Abandoned car towing	2
Missing children response	2
Stray animal enforcement, Radio patrol support, Higher pay for officers	3
<b>Total Safer Neighborhoods Comments</b>	<b>51</b>

#### VIBRANT & BEAUTIFUL CITY OUTCOME

Building conservation was a frequently cited priority in this area, and comments related most often to stabilizing the aging housing stock to avoid demolition.

Residents cited a wide variety of city facilities for improvements, primarily in parks and for improvements above and beyond regular maintenance. An organized campaign through [yourbudget@detroitmi.gov](mailto:yourbudget@detroitmi.gov) sought to redirect funds to parks, libraries or recreation centers. Many

COMMENT CATEGORIES	count
Building conservation, e.g. old homes: home repair, landlord support	19
Public facilities improvement, e.g. parks	32
Neighborhood rebuilding	15
Beautification and cleanup	10
Improved accessibility of housing, streets	7
Vacant property maintenance, DLBA sales	7
Sustainability: bioswales, EVs	5
Home dumpster, leaf raking enforcement	4
Enforce against noise pollution	3
Help volunteers cut own parks, spaces	2
Tree care: tree trims, dangerous trees	2
Cultural museums	1
<b>Total Vibrant &amp; Beautiful City Comments</b>	<b>107</b>

commenters tied housing and public facilities improvements together, expressing a desire for holistic neighborhood rebuilding that would include their neighborhood. A number of commenters cited a need to retrofit city services and facilities for the disabled or the aged, including housing and sidewalks.

Litter cleanup was the most common example given for a beautification strategy. Green stormwater infrastructure examples were most common to detail a sustainability strategy.

**ECONOMIC EQUITY & OPPORTUNITY OUTCOME**

Many affordable housing comments offered suggestions for renter and landlord assistance or linked to home repair (appearing under Vibrant & Beautiful City). Right to Counsel advocates described individual and community benefits of city-funded legal aid for eviction prevention.

Fixing drainage infrastructure and responding to household losses were the third highest category, in which residents commented on the need to replace lead lines and support water affordability.

Residents mentioned job-related priorities from specific “green” jobs training programs to better education, from reducing the digital divide to increasing public transportation services.

<b>COMMENT CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Count</b>
Right to Counsel to prevent losing home	20
Affordable housing	36
Flood-related infrastructure fixes, \$ aid	29
Education & training for good jobs	9
Reducing the digital divide, e.g. for seniors	6
Support for public transportation	5
Replace lead water lines	5
Child-centered amenities near home	4
Door-to-door outreach to offer services	4
Water affordability	3
Corporations to work with communities	2
Small business aid; health care access; provide minimum income	3
<b>Total Economic Equity &amp; Opportunity Comments</b>	<b>126</b>

**EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE OUTCOME**

The third question of the interactive exercise asked: “How would you use the City Budget to promote equity?” Equity concerns centered on access to material basics and quality housing. Eleven people spoke about making equity a guiding principle for all City affairs, and they discussed the level of conversation needed for the City to succeed in equity.

<b>COMMENT CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Count</b>
Defining, measuring, promoting equity	11
Treat all areas of city equally	7
Efficacy of budget outreach	6
Evaluation of tax abatements given	5
Council, planners active in community	3
Remove State/FRC oversight	1
<b>Total Effective Governance Comments</b>	<b>33</b>

A number of comments questioned the efficacy of the current outreach process and requested more engagement by City officials. Commenters prioritized evaluation of tax abatement programs and better budget analysis.

## EFFICIENT & INNOVATIVE OPERATIONS OUTCOME

This outcome received similar levels of attention from commenters as Effective Governance. Participants made several comments about allocating a portion of the budget to address overassessment claims and tax foreclosures, as well as ensuring that interests of long-term residents guide budget allocations, instead of interests of newer residents or speculators. A number of comments highlighted prioritizing good budget analysis, which would include outsourcing, consolidation, and other cost-saving measures; such measures should be transparent and should aim to improve service quality.

COMMENT CATEGORIES	Count
Budget analysis: outsourcing, consolidation, less top-heavy, visibility	11
Overassessment and foreclosures	8
Prioritize budget for long-term residents	8
Employee pension fairness	3
Improve public service quality, incl DTE	3
Reparations support; no employee pay raises; diversify tax base	3
<b>Total Efficient &amp; Innovative Operations Comments</b>	<b>36</b>

### Methods to Address Concerns.

#### 1. Flooding aftermath.

DWSD continues to develop green stormwater infrastructure, sewerage and drainage control initiatives. Its Basement Protection Pilot and the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) are funded through non-City sources. The Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Four-Year Financial Plan (The Budget) will allow the City to respond to growing awareness of the threats of the environment. BSEED is inspecting shoreline infrastructure along waterways and GSD will work on flood mitigation through seawall stabilization.

CONCERNS RAISED IN OUTREACH	Count
Flood-related infrastructure fixes, \$ aid	25
Need for sustainability initiatives	5
Replacing lead service lines	5
Supporting water affordability programs	3

#### 2. Equity and Opportunity.

The Budget deals with the challenge of promoting equity, both directly through programs for residents, and indirectly through policies. This budget reflects the goal of opportunity for all residents, in all city neighborhoods.

CONCERNS RAISED IN OUTREACH	Count
Making equity a guiding principle for city affairs	11
Treating all areas of the city equally	7
Allocating resources for long-term residents	8
State oversight	1

Specific proposals in the Budget include:

- Expansion of DDOT's paratransit program and other transit needs for a total increased investment of \$5.8M

- Increased funding in support of elections (\$2.2M)
- Funding for Project Clean Slate and Grow Detroit’s Young Talent
- Homegrown Detroit to level the playing field in marijuana industry
- Funding for the American Sign Language support and the Office of Disability Affairs in the CRIO Department

**3. Household Supports.**

A variety of services designed to support individuals and families in need are funded in the Budget as well as separate external funds.

CONCERNS RAISED IN OUTREACH	Count
Education and training for good jobs	8
Support for public transportation	5
Reduce the digital divide, e.g. for seniors	6
Disability services e.g. housing, sidewalks retrofits	7
Door to door outreach with support	4
Small business aid	1

Household support priorities in the Budget include:

- Health programs including
  - \$1.4M in Maternal and Child Health
  - \$679K in Community Health Services
  - \$1.8M in Clinical Services and Outreach
- Workforce development programs through Detroit at Work
- \$26.5M to restore baseline support for DDOT and People Mover following temporary federal transit relief
- \$5.8M in additional support for DDOT, including paratransit expansion

**4. City Facilities.**

This Budget includes:

- Capital funding for Municipal facilities improvements (\$14.1M)
- Capital funding for Parks and Recreation improvements (\$10.7M)

CONCERNS RAISED IN OUTREACH	Count
Neighborhood facilities improvements	27
Child-centered amenities in neighborhoods	4
Cultural museums support	1

The FY23 Recommended Budget also expands support for the Coleman A. Young Municipal Airport and city museums, including the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History and the Detroit Historical Museum.

**5. Neighborhood rebuilding.**

The Budget supports neighborhood rebuilding throughout field service departments:

- Match funding for State and Federal grant programs (\$5M)
- Neighborhood planning studies for PDD to continue its Strategic Neighborhood improvements (\$2M).

CONCERNS RAISED IN OUTREACH	Count
Holistic neighborhood rebuilding	14
Disability services esp housing, sidewalks retrofits	7
Corporations work with residents on improvements in neighborhoods	2

- Neighborhood Improvement Fund (\$1M)
- The Strategic Neighborhood Fund (SNF), managed by Invest Detroit since 2018, has supported holistic neighborhood rebuilding in 10 sections of the City. (See <https://investdetroit.com/adapting-the-strategic-neighborhood-fund-to-meet-community-needs/> for more on this 6 year old, \$130M effort.)

**6. Budget Development Process improvements.**

The Budget reflects a process of continuous improvement. The Office of Budget always reviews historical spending patterns in the course of budget development and continues to invest in initiatives to better examine and illustrate services and performance.

CONCERNS RAISED IN OUTREACH	Count
Better budget analysis	11
Efficacious budget, planning outreach	9
Preserve retiree pensions	3
Improve public services, including DTE	3

The Budget proposes an additional contribution to the Retiree Protection Fund to meet future legacy pension obligations to City retirees: \$30M above and beyond the \$60M scheduled deposit. In addition, the Budget included a \$30.7M deposit into the Rainy Day Fund, for a total balance of \$138M, drawing the City of Detroit closer to best practices recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association.

CONCERNS RAISED IN OUTREACH	Count
Eviction prevention counsel	20
Affordable housing	32

**7. Beautification.**

The Budget prioritizes beautification of city neighborhoods with \$17.5M for Blight Removal and Beautification programs. These include:

CONCERNS RAISED IN OUTREACH	Count
Beautification and cleanup	10
Household leaf-raking, dumpster care	4
Vacant property care, Land Bank	7
Support resident volunteerism in areas	2

- An additional cut of vacant lots during mowing season, bringing the total to five per year
- Detroit Land Bank property maintenance

**8. Housing Assistance.**

The FY23 Recommended Budget builds on FY22 investments and includes:

- \$3M for 0% Home Repair Program
- \$1.3M for Senior Home Repair
- \$1.3M for CDO/CDC Homebuyer Rehab Program
- \$520,000 for the Affordable Housing Development and Preservation Fund
- \$1.5M for Lead Hazard Home Repair Program

The Housing and Revitalization Department also continues to spend prior year funds allocated for Home Repair in excess of \$60 million.

The Mayor has established a three-point plan for eviction prevention, which includes free legal assistance, access to financial assistance for past-due rent and utilities, and fast-track hiring, through the Detroit at Work program, for Detroiters facing eviction. The city will continue to pursue public-private partnerships to fund free legal assistance for Detroiters facing eviction.

**9. Housing Stock Conservation.**

As noted in the previous section, the Budget continues investments in the city’s housing stock through home repair and lead abatement programs. See previous section.

CONCERNS RAISED IN OUTREACH	Count
Building conservation	19

**10. Building Code Enforcement.**

The Budget continues support for improvements in building code enforcement. These efforts target all property owners including landlords and "speculators" of concern to participants.

CONCERNS RAISED IN OUTREACH	Count
Building code enforcement	13

- \$2.849 million for the Buildings Program within BSEED. This program inspects construction activities to ensure that structures comply with approved plans, building codes and standards, and permit fire alarm systems, generator function and other life safety systems. This team performs inspections for wrecking, signs, awnings, tents, and temporary use, issue Certificates of Occupancy and coordinate Board of Wrecking Examiners.
- \$1.668 million for the Dangerous Buildings Division in BSEED, which enforces ordinances and State Law requiring certain actions to remedy dangerous structures. This includes response to dangerous building complaints; property ownership identification and notification; filing documents of record; presentation at “show cause” and City Council hearings; deferral and rescission request processing.

**11. Safer Neighborhoods.**

The Budget supports safer neighborhoods in a variety of ways.

- \$29M is restored for Police and Fire positions cut during the pandemic
- Firefighters and EMS operations will be seamlessly integrated to improve emergency response
- \$10.4M of capital funding for vehicle replacements are largely for Police vehicles, which represent half of the city fleet, and for Fire apparatus and ambulances.

CONCERNS RAISED IN OUTREACH	Count
Police officer presence	7
Noise pollution control	3
Timely abandoned car towing	2
Stray animal enforcement	1
Missing children response	2
Cameras in neighborhoods	4
Continue support of radio patrol program	1



**12. Safer Streets.**

The Budget continues our commitment to safer streets. Programs include:

- Commercial corridor redesign throughout all areas of the city
- Speed humps will be placed in all neighborhoods that follow the request process
- Demolition Department will continue its joint program of housing stabilization and demolition of the most dangerous buildings
- Dangerous tree removal continues

CONCERNS RAISED IN OUTREACH	Count
Street design/maintenance for increased safety	6
Need to ticket neighborhood speeders	3
More aggressive pace of demolition	3
Tree care (trimming and removal)	2

**13. Police Initiatives**

The Budget continues to support the Mental Health Co-response initiative established in FY22 in partnership with the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) will expand the availability of trained Crisis Intervention Teams. Other supports include:

- Body camera cloud storage improvements funded in the DoIT budget
- Civilianization efforts

CONCERNS RAISED IN OUTREACH	Count
Police reform: model, share of budget	6
Police’s mental health response	2
Improved Officer salaries	1

**14. Other Concerns. of**

- The City modernized its assessment process after 2014.
- In 2020, the Mayor proposed a package of programs for Detroiters affected by overassessment prior to 2014. That package was rejected by the City Council, but discussions continue on an alternative.
- Tax Abatement Programs – the Administration is consistently reviewing the results of its initiatives and would see any conversation about these programs occurring outside of the annual budget development process.
- The City has made considerable strides on diversifying the tax base and the results can be seen in new manufacturing, apparel and small business sectors, in Ford’s Michigan Central Station redevelopment, Flex-n-gate and FCA developments, and in other new economic investments throughout the city. The recommended budget funds the CRIO Department to provide certifications and arrange virtual outreach events that assure that Detroit Businesses participate in the growth.
- The Reparations Task Force has not yet completed its work.

CONCERNS RAISED IN OUTREACH	Count
Overassessment concerns	8
Evaluate tax abatement programs	5
Diversify city tax base; no employee pay raises; support Reparations Task Force	3

The City’s ARPA fiscal recovery funds also contribute to various budget priorities (see [www.detroitmi.gov/arpa](http://www.detroitmi.gov/arpa)).

# **APPENDICES**



APPENDIX A: OFFICIAL NOTICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH



**CITY OF DETROIT**  
**Notice of Public Outreach**

You are invited to give input on the following proposal:

**PROPOSAL**

The Mayor's Recommended Budget for FY2022-2023

**OUTREACH DETAILS**

FY2022-2023 Budget Priorities Virtual Forums will occur for each City Council District. Join your District meeting via Zoom:

- District 5 - Jan 18, 2022- 5:30pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/87898914341>
- District 6 - Jan 20, 2022- 5:00pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/3631409738>
- District 3 - Jan 25, 2022- 5:00pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/93947894155>
- District 4 - Jan 25, 2022- 5:00pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/89532011115>
- District 1 - Jan 27, 2022- 5:30pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/92945572636>
- District 7 - Jan 26, 2022- 5:00pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/85682928727>
- District 2 - Feb 08, 2022- 6:00pm - Zoom Meeting ID: 99861905552 pass: 222222

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY**

The Budget Office within the City of Detroit Office of the Chief Financial Officer is preparing the Mayor's Recommended Annual Budget for programs, services and activities of the City of Detroit in fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The Recommended Annual Budget will be presented with the Four-Year Financial Plan to the Detroit City Council on March 7, 2022, for their review and adoption. The Mayor's Recommended Annual Budget is an estimated \$2 billion proposal, including an estimated \$1 billion of general fund activities.

**ONLINE FEEDBACK**

The OCFO-Office of Budget will receive feedback, comments and documents through the inbox: [yourbudget@detroitmi.gov](mailto:yourbudget@detroitmi.gov)



With advance notice of seven calendar days, the City of Detroit will provide interpreter services at public meetings, including language translation and reasonable ADA accommodations. Please contact the Civil Rights, Inclusion and Opportunity Department at (313) 224-8950, through the TTY number 711, or email [crio@detroitmi.gov](mailto:crio@detroitmi.gov) to schedule these services.



## APPENDIX B: TWITTER OUTREACH ANALYTICS

**×** Tweet Analytics

**City of Detroit OCFO @DetroitCFO** · 18h

LIVE TWEETING: "I would like to see more money dedicated to cleaning vacant lots" says one resident. #BudgetPrioritiesForum for D2 underway now. Join us #TakePart here=>> cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/99861905552 or by telephone: (312) 626-6799 passcode: 222222

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Impressions ⓘ

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Engagements ⓘ

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New followers ⓘ

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Profile visits ⓘ

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**Promote your Tweet**

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**×** Tweet Analytics

LIVE TWEETING: D2 #BudgetPrioritiesForum public comment/questions underway. Karen and Charlene want the City to fund a measure to provide right to counsel for residents facing eviction. #TakePart Join us here=> cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/99861905552 or by phone: (312) 626-6799 passcode: 222222

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Impressions ⓘ

**33**

Engagements ⓘ

**0**

Detail expands ⓘ

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New followers ⓘ

**0**

Profile visits ⓘ

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**City of Detroit OCFO @DetroitCFO** · 19h



LIVE TWEETING: Which of these would you fund? Attendees asked to participate to illustrate the budget process. #TakePart #BudgetPrioritiesForum for District 2 Join us here=>> cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/99861905552 or by telephone: (312) 626-6799 passcode: 222222

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Impressions ⓘ

**43**

Engagements ⓘ

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Detail expands ⓘ

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New followers ⓘ

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Profile visits ⓘ

**0**


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**City of Detroit OCFO @DetroitCFO** · 19h



LIVE TWEETING: @CityofDetroit Budget Dir. Steve Watson sharing details of the budget and process. #TakePart Join us now here=>> cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/99861905552 or by telephone: (312) 626-6799 passcode: 222222

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Impressions ⓘ

**33**

Engagements ⓘ

**2**

Detail expands ⓘ

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New followers ⓘ

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Profile visits ⓘ

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**City of Detroit OCFO @DetroitCFO - 20h**

Don't forget to join us tonight for our last in a series of virtual @CityofDetroit Budget Priorities Forums. The forum for District 2 meets at 6pm. #TakePart Join the discussion here=>> [cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/99861905552](https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/99861905552) or by telephone: (312) 626-6799 passcode: 222222


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Impressions ⓘ	Engagements ⓘ	Detail expands ⓘ
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	New followers ⓘ	Profile visits ⓘ
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**City of Detroit OCFO @DetroitCFO - 18h**

 LIVE TWEETING: from D2 #BudgetPrioritiesForum one business owner says his funding priorities are mental health services for those who need it and public safety. #TakePart


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	New followers ⓘ	Profile visits ⓘ
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Switch to professional**

**City of Detroit OCFO @DetroitCFO - 18h**

 Thank you City Council Dist 2 residents and others who attended our #BudgetPrioritiesForum If you missed any of our 7 forums and want to share your comment or priority in spending, email us at: [yourbudget@detroitmi.gov](mailto:yourbudget@detroitmi.gov) #TakePart

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Impressions ⓘ	Engagements ⓘ	Detail expands ⓘ
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	New followers ⓘ	Profile visits ⓘ
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**APPENDIX C: OCFO-BUDGET'S PRESENTATION SLIDES AT DISTRICT BUDGET  
PRIORITIES FORUMS**



# **Council District Budget Priorities Forums**

**January and February 2022**

**Honorable City Council  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer-Office of Budget  
Department of Neighborhoods**

# Introduction

- Welcome to 1 of 7 Budget Priorities Forums
- We are preparing the Mayor's Recommended Annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022
- The Mayor will present his recommended budget to City Council on March 7, 2022
- Today we will provide an overview of the City budget and provide you an opportunity to provide feedback on your priorities for the coming year

**CITY OF DETROIT**

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The Mayor's Recommended Budget for FY2022-2023

**OUTREACH DETAILS**

FY2022-2023 Budget Priorities Virtual Forums will occur for each City Council District. Join your District meeting via Zoom:


District 5 - Jan 18, 2022- 5:30pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/87898914341>  
District 6 - Jan 20, 2022- 5:00pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/3631409738>  
District 3 - Jan 25, 2022- 5:00pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/93947894155>  
District 4 - Jan 25, 2022- 5:00pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/89532011115>  
District 1 - Jan 27, 2022- 5:30pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/92945572636>  
District 7 - Jan 26, 2022- 5:00pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/85682928727>  
District 2 - Feb 08, 2022- 6:00pm - Zoom Meeting ID: 99861905552 pass: 222222

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY**

The Budget Office within the City of Detroit Office of the Chief Financial Officer is preparing the Mayor's Recommended Annual Budget for programs, services and activities of the City of Detroit in fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The Recommended Annual Budget will be presented with the Four-Year Financial Plan to the Detroit City Council on March 7, 2022, for their review and adoption. The Mayor's Recommended Annual Budget is an estimated \$2 billion proposal, including an estimated \$1 billion of general fund activities.

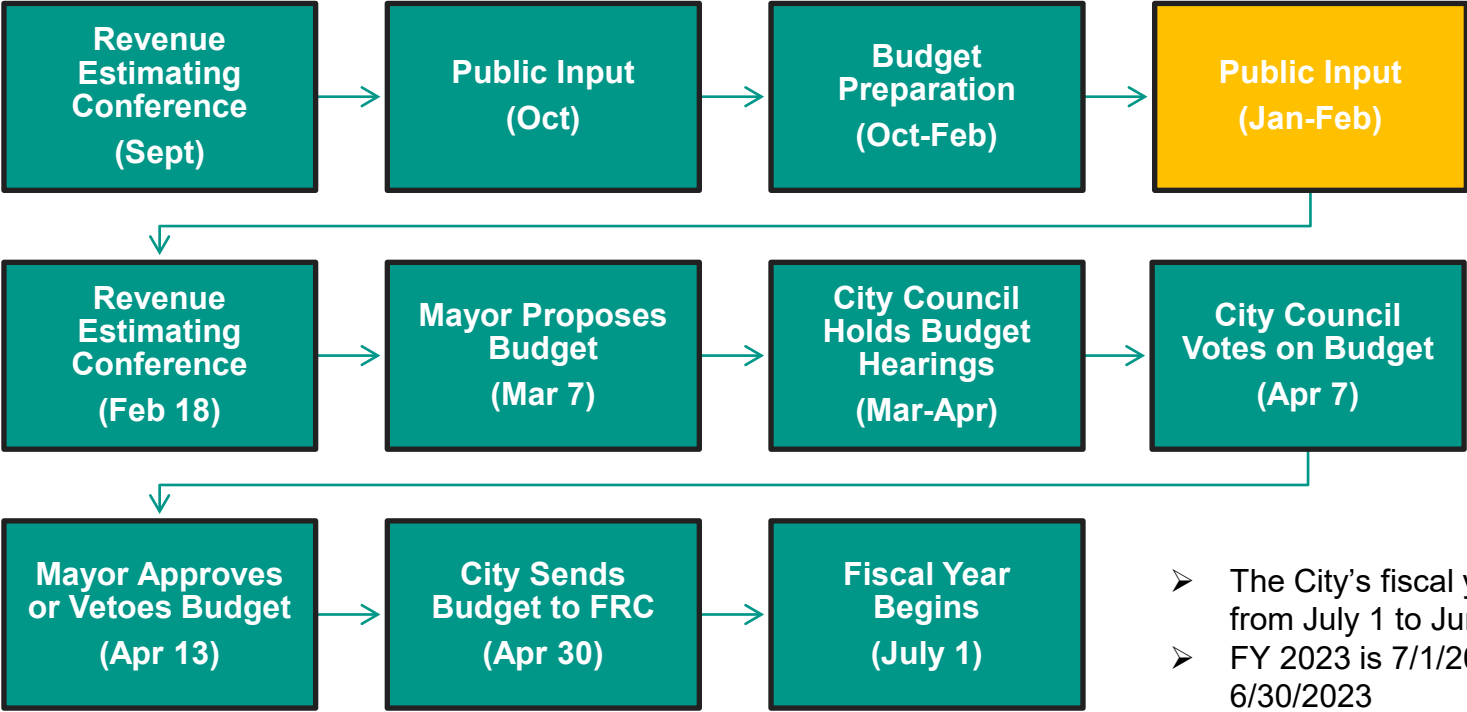
**ONLINE FEEDBACK**

The OCFO-Office of Budget will receive feedback, comments and documents through the inbox: [yourbudget@detroitmi.gov](mailto:yourbudget@detroitmi.gov)

 With advance notice of when calendar days, the City of Detroit will provide interpretation of public meetings, including language translation and reasonable accommodations. Please contact the Civil Rights, Inclusion and Opportunity Department at (313) 224-4664, through the TTY number 711, or email [info@detroitmi.gov](mailto:info@detroitmi.gov) to schedule these services.



# How is the budget built?



- The City's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30
- FY 2023 is 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023





# Public Input on the Budget Every Year

- Email us any time: **YourBudget@detroitmi.gov**
- **October**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: Annual Public Budget Meeting
- **Jan-Feb**: 7 Community Budget Priorities Forums, one in each Council District
- **Feb and Sept**: Revenue Estimating Conferences
- **March and April**: Mayor's Budget Address and City Council budget hearings
- Look for more information at:

**[Detroitmi.gov/Budget](https://detroitmi.gov/Budget)**

## EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR FY22

**8** OCFO  
PUBLIC MEETINGS

**10,800**  
SOCIAL MEDIA VIEWS

**1,000**  
PARTICIPANTS

**30** CITY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS

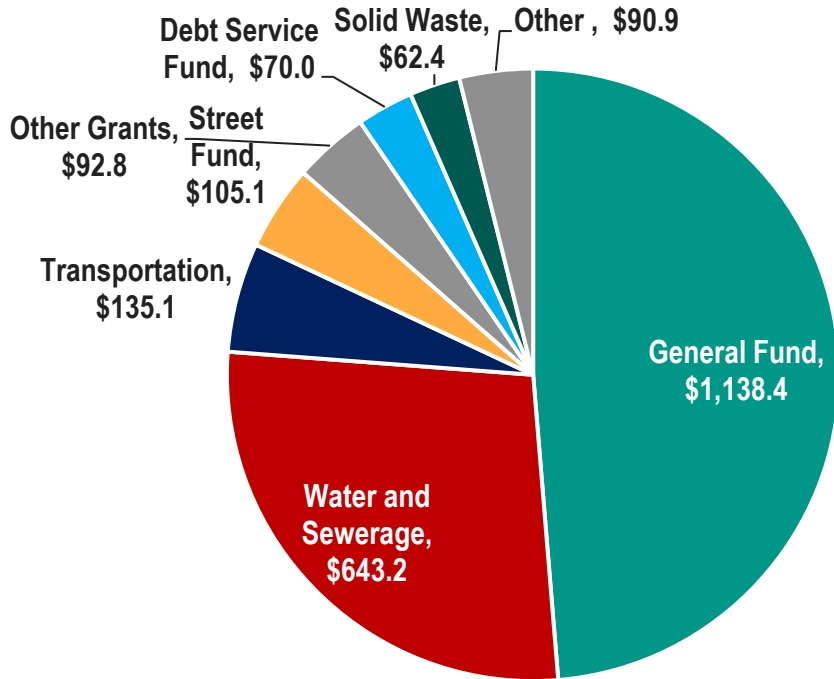
**79,745**  
GOVDelivery contacts

### TOP 5 CONCERNS

- Distribute resources equitably
- Redirect resources to neighborhoods
- Assure that buildings and assets are fully maintained
- More community outreach
- Remain financially sustainable



# Where does the money come from? (All Funds)

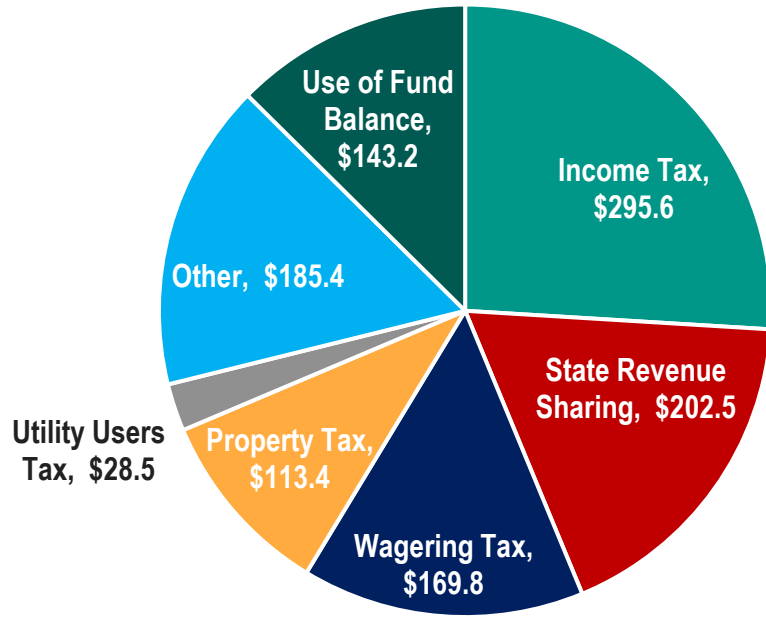


FY22 Adopted Budget (\$ in millions)

Over 10,000 City employees

- Detroit's city budget totals **\$2.3 billion**
- The General Fund is supported by general taxes and pays for most City services, including public health and safety, parks and recreation, and government operations
- The other funds are supported by grants and fees that are restricted for specific purposes, such as water and sewerage, public transportation, public health, street maintenance, and housing programs
- Schools and state/county services are separate

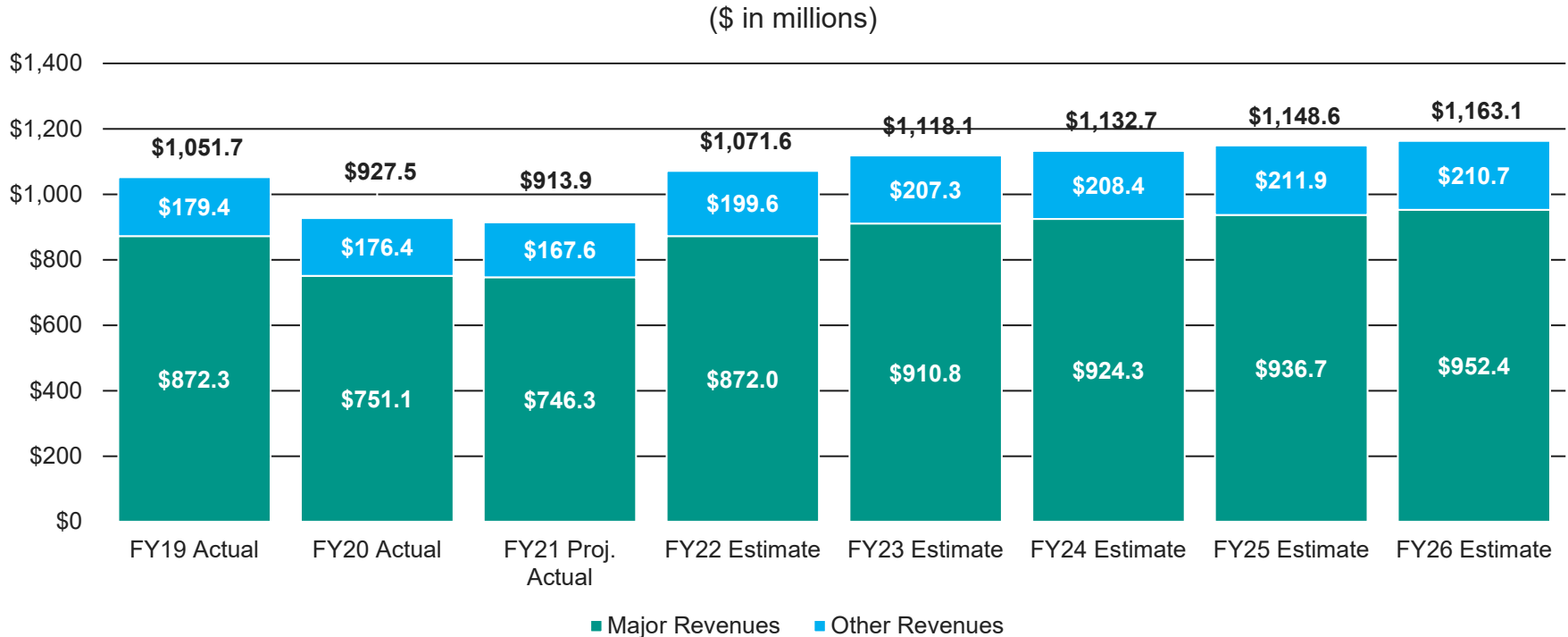
# Where does the money come from? (General Fund)



FY22 Adopted Budget (\$ in millions)

- Detroit's General Fund is **\$1.1 billion**
- Most of it comes from 5 major tax revenues
- Other includes various fees and fines, (e.g., parking, courts, EMS, licenses, permits, and inspections)
- Use of fund balance includes spending one-time surpluses on non-recurring costs like beautification programs, emergency demolitions, and public improvement projects

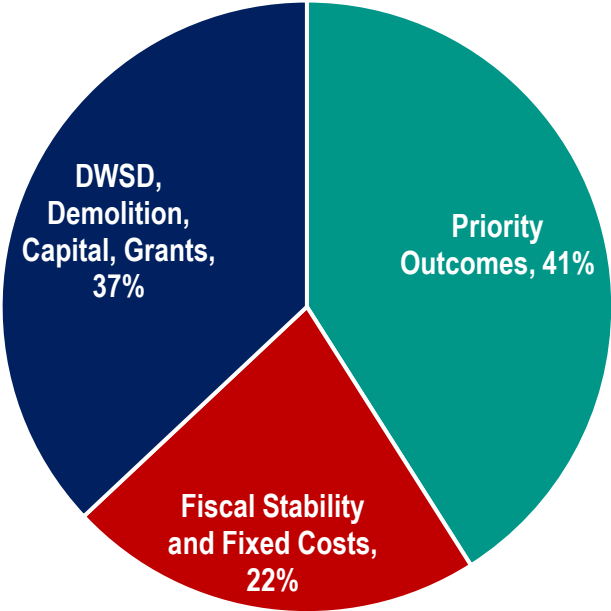
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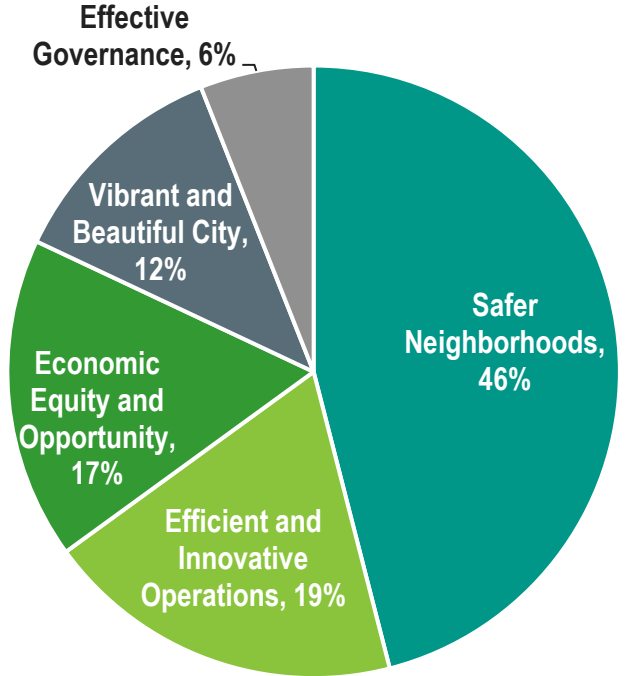
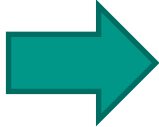
Note: Excludes non-recurring revenues, such as bond proceeds, asset sales, and one-time tax payments.



# Where does the money go in the current budget?



FY22 Adopted Budget (\$2.3 billion)



Remaining Budget by Priority Outcome (\$960 million)

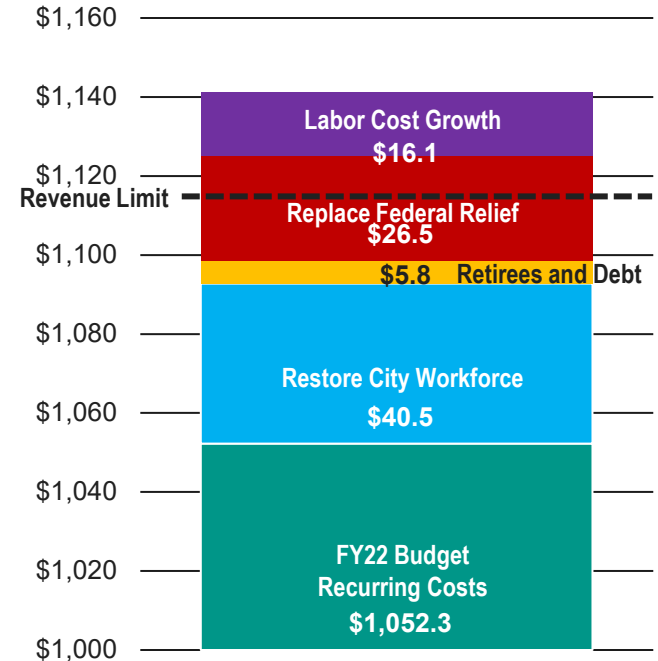


# Where does the money go?

- The budget supports the costs of public services and programs investing in Detroiters and the physical landscape of the City
- Revenues have begun to recover, but modest growth limits our ability to add new ongoing costs
- We will need to prioritize among existing spending and proposed service enhancements to maintained fiscal balance
- But we have other sources from grants and philanthropy that support initiatives outside the annual budget:

American Rescue Plan  
 Strategic Neighborhoods Fund  
 Affordable Housing Leverage Fund  
 Detroit Housing for the Future Fund

**FY23 Preliminary Budget Growth**  
 (\$ in millions)



# American Rescue Plan – Detroit Future Fund



**NEIGHBORHOODS**  
**\$168.5 million**



**HOUSING**  
**\$67 million**



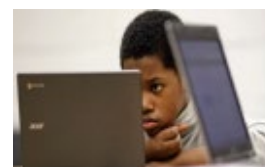
**JOBS**  
**\$105 million**



**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**\$50 million**



**PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**\$41 million**



**DIGITAL DIVIDE**  
**\$45 million**



**SMALL BUSINESS**  
**\$40 million**

**City Services & Infrastructure \$250.2 million**  
**Match Funding \$30 million**

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# District Forum interactives

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**3 Types of Prioritizations the City makes in the budget development process:**

- 1. Priorities among service levels**
- 2. Weighing short-term spending against long-term investments**
- 3. Translating a policy goal into a meaningful action**



# District Forum interactive #1: Service Priorities

Beautification and Public Safety are City priorities that will guide the budget.

12 additional Police Officers serving our neighborhoods



COSTS THE SAME AS



2 Floriculture Crews (15 positions)  
beautifying our neighborhoods

Which of these is your priority?



# District Forum interactive #2: Long-Term vs Now

The budget process creates the next annual budget as well as 4-year financial plan.

20% more effort every year to maintain neighborhood parks



COSTS THE SAME AS



one more cut of 100,000 vacant lots

Which of these would you fund?

# District Forum interactive #3: Equity

The City is guided by equity for Detroiters. The Mayor appointed an Equity Council to inform city policy, with the following mission:

**“In America, talent has been evenly distributed, opportunity has not.**

**As your City of Detroit government, we believe it’s our responsibility to fight that inequality.**

**We believe Detroit government can be a springboard for opportunity, helping Detroiters, no matter their neighborhood, achieve their dreams.”**

**City of Detroit Equity Council**

**Examples:**

- **Housing Support**
- **Jobs for Detroiters**
- **Workforce Training**
- **Closing the Digital Divide**
- **Business Support**

**How would you use the City Budget to promote equity?**



# **What are Your Priorities?**

**Public Comment:  
“Raise Hand” function in Zoom (60 seconds each)**

**[YOURBUDGET@DETROITMI.GOV](mailto:YOURBUDGET@DETROITMI.GOV)**

**Outreach Report delivered to City Council March 7**

## APPENDIX D: LINKS TO ZOOM RECORDINGS OF EACH DISTRICT FORUM:

District 1:

[https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/rec/share/3WUItOVnYfmaSmLOszuLqL8HuOSP3lmdzLiRaTvfafqN4r2XF\\_nJqe6TZNPHvptQ.O6QnAfNTi95Xfi-Q?startTime=1643322620000](https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/rec/share/3WUItOVnYfmaSmLOszuLqL8HuOSP3lmdzLiRaTvfafqN4r2XF_nJqe6TZNPHvptQ.O6QnAfNTi95Xfi-Q?startTime=1643322620000)

District 1 chat:

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District 2: did not record

District 3:

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<https://www.facebook.com/2217400/videos/1120187655461047/>

District 7:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=district%20-%20detroit>

**APPENDIX E: ITEMIZED LIST OF ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED  
EMAILS RECEIVED IN THE YOURBUDGET@DETROITMI.GOV INBOX**

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**From:** Alice Bagley <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022 12:02 AM  
**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>  
**Cc:** CouncilmemberWaters <CouncilmemberWaters@detroitmi.gov>; CouncilMemberSheffield <CouncilMemberSheffield@detroitmi.gov>; CouncilmemberYoung <CouncilmemberYoung@detroitmi.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Truly setting equitable budget priorities

I just sat through the Budget Priorities Meeting for District 5.

First, your first poll question was insulting to everyone in that meeting. No one is weighing 12 police officers vs 15 floriculture positions. We should be asking real questions about real priorities: public safety, quality of life, beautification, parks and recs, transportation, etc.... And then means towards those priorities (do we accomplish public safety through police officers or after school programs, traffic officers vs better bus systems, etc)

If I had more time to make comments I would have said that fully funding the Office of Disability Affairs is a very important part of equity in the city of Detroit. I also would say that climate adaptation and mitigation is such an important part of public health right now. This means green infrastructure like tree planting, rain gardens, native plantings and more- as well as hard infrastructure like having a world class public transit system, improving sewer infrastructure, and proper maintenance of our bike infrastructure.

I also want to elaborate on what I did have time to mention. Project Green Light is a huge waste of funding- oftentimes it has taken block grant funding that should have been spent on parks and rec centers. I think that this year is the last year we should devote city resources to this program- and we should devote funds to studying its effects on crime- which I think will show that it does not lower crime rate. Instead we should move those funds to things that actually do lower crime rates like parks and rec center programming, adult literacy services, supportive housing, public transit, mental health services, and more.

Finally, I know there is debate whether funding should come from the schools or the city- but it is SO IMPORTANT that we reopen our libraries. These important public spaces are really needed for our most vulnerable people: seniors, children, and the unhoused. The fact that so many have been closed for so long is appalling.

Thank you for the work you do for our city,  
Alice Bagley  
870 Gladstone

PS Councilmembers Waters and Young, your e-mail addresses are not yet available on the city website so I hope you can talk to the IT folks about fixing that!

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**From:** Beulah R. Walker <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 11:42 PM  
**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Fwd: Hydrate Detroit Press Release DWSD Public Budget Hearing Weds @ 2:00pm

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From: **Hydrate Detroit** <[water4detroit@gmail.com](mailto:water4detroit@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Jan 18, 2022, 12:04 PM  
Subject: Hydrate Detroit Press Release DWSD Public Budget Hearing Weds @ 2:00pm  
To: <[news@wdiv.com](mailto:news@wdiv.com)>  
Cc: Beulah Walker <[REDACTED]>

Hello

Please see Attached Press Release  
Hydrate Detroit is calling for the general public to attend this important public budget hearing at the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Board of Water Commissioners meeting on Wednesday January 19 @ 2:00pm by in person or zoom

Hydrate Detroit will be in attendance making a few demands as follows.

1. STOP THE WATER SHUTOFFS PERMANTLY FOR GOOD!!
2. Put a Stop Cap on the upcoming water rates due to covid-19
3. Implement Water Amnesty relief for all Detroit residents
4. Hydrate DEMANDS a city and regionalwide Water Summit to discuss future plans and developments within southeastern michigan.
5. Affordable water for all by changing rules and regulations for statewide water affordability

This is very important as Hydrate Detroit wants a reporter and a camera to talk to us and display the water board meeting. we also hope that this can be included in your media plan of the day to run by 5:00pm, 6:00pm and the 11:00 newscasts along with repeats on your other news shows.

for more information please call Beulah Walker at (313) 428-4911 or Demeeko Williams (313) 915-7089

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Demeeko Williams  
Chief Director  
Hydrate Detroit  
313 279-0608  
Email: [water4detroit@gmail.com](mailto:water4detroit@gmail.com)  
Water is an Essential Human Right

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**From:** V Stewart <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022 12:24 AM  
**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>  
**Cc:** V Stewart <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Budget suggestions:

My input includes the following recommendations for the City of Detroit to upgrade the quality of life we experience in our historic city.

1. More constant police presence in our neighborhood's and our expressways, such as we see in Downtown Detroit during an event.
2. Highway drones or solar powered speeding cameras to ticket the constant speeding. upwards of 80-100 mph on I-75 and M10, the loge expressway. These cameras would identify the speeders, record the license plates and send tickets to offenders to fund cleanup of our city.
3. Removing the vast amount of litter in the City of Detroit, and implementing the litter laws that exist on the books. Once you cross 8 mile you know you are in the City of Detroit byt the amount of litter, waste tires, and garbage that line the highways and streets. Bi-monthly street cleaning of Woodward, Gratiot, East, and West Grand Blvd., Grand River, 6 7, and 8 mile. Funding to be gathered from speeding tickets/litter tickets.
4. Provide more funding with accountability to our museums. historic areas, and sanctuaries of beauty to attract and impress visitors.
5. Control noise pollution for lower decibel noise that is in constant effect. not just after 10 p.m.
6. Replace all lead lines leading into our homes in 2022. The lead piping is poisonous to our citizens.
7. Higher pay for our police department to attract qualified candidates and more of them. In addition three year contracts for all graduates so we do not lose the officers the citizens taxes have paid for.
8. Provide quality computers for seniors at a 50% discounted price for Detroit residents. One larger computer and one tablet or Ipad for greater digital access. The City should provide no cost advanced computer training and programming classes for senior via zoom. This will create another remote work force and income for seniors.
9. The lot cuttings in the North End occur no more than 3 to 4 times a year. The job of cutting and cleanup needs to be improved.

Thank you,  
Detroit citizen

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**From:** Claudia Sanford <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022 2:42 AM  
**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>  
**Cc:** Melia Howard <howardm@detroitmi.gov>; CouncilMemberSheffield <CouncilMemberSheffield@detroitmi.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]District 5 Virtual Meeting - Public Comment

My name is Claudia Sanford, and I am a resident of District 5. I attempted to make a public comment at tonight's District 5 Virtual budget meeting. I raised my hand as soon as the public comment was open. However, my hand was continuously automatically lowered thus, I was not able to speak. I would like to include my comments for consideration as follows:

I am part of the Detroit Right to Counsel Coalition. The Detroit Right to Counsel Coalition is a coalition of advocates, community organizations, lawyers, volunteers, and faith-based organizations who believe housing is a human right. We are working together to establish and fund a right to legal counsel for Detroiters facing eviction.

The actual cost of evictions on families is known. It is known by the children who are uprooted during their school year. It is known by service providers who assist these households in court and help with relocation, placing people in shelters and other services. Evictions destroy neighborhoods and lead to blight. We all saw this clearly in the fallout from the 2008 housing crisis. I see this in my neighborhood. I also see people opting to leave the city out of necessity and frustration.

There are so many problems facing our families and seniors and passing and funding a Right to Counsel is one thing we can and must do to protect and support our community.

Respectfully,  
Claudia Sanford



**Claudia Sanford**  
Director, Housing Placement and Tenant Organizing

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[www.uchcdetroit.org](http://www.uchcdetroit.org)

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**From:** Jacob Bolton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 20, 2022 5:52 PM  
**To:** yourbudget@detroitmi.gov; councilmemberraquel@detroitmi.gov  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]An empathic, community-engaged D6 Detroit resident's budget priorities  
**Signed By:** [REDACTED]

Dear Budget Office Team & Councilmember Santiago-Romero,

My name is Jacob Bolton and I have lived in the Woodbridge neighborhood of Detroit in District 6 since 2017 when I started law school, and I plan to continue living in Detroit. I currently work with a legal aid organization that assists low-income Detroiters with civil legal matters. I am a member of the Metro Detroit Democratic Socialists of America and am writing to share my personal perspective on our vision for the Detroit budget.

A [September 2020 report by the University of Michigan's Poverty Solutions Initiative](#) found that about 36% of Detroiters live in poverty and an estimated 34% of residents don't have access to a car. Yet the city spends only a small fraction of its budget on health, housing, and transportation. I urge you to reduce police department funding and to fund instead:

- Access to affordable, safe housing
- Green job training programs
- Improved health programs
- Improved public transportation
- Improved access to information and technology.

I offer some specific requests along with some justifications below.

### **Revenues & Savings**

Detroit government should recognize the value of its land - and stop giving tax breaks to city companies like tax increment financing.

Project Green Light and the Real Time Crime Center, which cost Detroiters over \$37 million annually, are steps in the wrong direction. Facial recognition is ineffective and particularly is [responsible for misidentification of Black people who are already over-criminalized](#). **I urge you to defund these programs.**

### **Policing and Public Safety**

I understand that many Detroit residents in your recent survey expressed an interest in crime prevention. In a recent community budget priorities forum, it appeared that the city is using this statistic to justify increasing law enforcement funding. Crucially, however, expansive law enforcement and incarceration of Detroiters is an uneconomical, inhumane, and ineffective strategy to prevent crime in Detroit. Detroit has more crime than the suburbs — not because of a lack of law enforcement — but because [crime is largely caused by poverty](#). **To sustainably reduce crime, the city must attack poverty.**

Police are currently over-utilized to respond to issues for which they are not well-equipped, such as responding to a call regarding a person facing homelessness or a wellness check on a child suggested by a concerned relative. Detroit would benefit from implementing a response team of unarmed medics and conflict-resolution experts like [Oregon's CAHOOTS program](#). Those trained in fields like social work are better-equipped to handle many types of conflicts that Detroiters need support in addressing. **I urge you to fund development of such a program.**

### **Fighting Poverty & Improving Health**

In the [Detroit Department of Health's more comprehensive 2018 survey](#), Detroiters overwhelmingly said that grocery stores, schools, public transportation, job training, and parks & recreation centers were important to their quality of life. **I urge you to support programs and services in these areas.**

Provision of social services like [accessible health care](#) have been shown to reduce crime by offering those struggling with addiction tools to recover - effectively reducing violent and theft-related crimes fueled by drug use. Additionally, [child tax credits](#) have been used to mitigate poverty and prevent crime. **I encourage you to adopt programs like these, as well.**

The city's STI testing program is a start, but it needs to be expanded. This exacerbates health crises like [HIV](#) and [gonorrhea](#) because testing is the crucial gateway to treatment and prevention. Michigan faced [record confirmed infections with gonorrhea in 2020](#), which is alarming given additional obstacles to testing created by COVID-19. Detroit offers only one clinic location in midtown, which does not accept appointments, and visitors are told to expect 2-3 hour wait times. This creates insurmountable obstacles for many Detroiters to obtain STI testing. **The city should expand funding for STI testing, so Detroiters in need of STI testing have access to local clinics that can take appointments at a range of times.**

### **Housing**

Many Detroiters are struggling to find new homes because of lack of funds, lack of availability of safe, affordable housing, issues with their rental history, all of which are exacerbated by the pandemic. **Detroit should subsidize affordable housing and regulate the conditions of that housing so it is maintained in good repair.**

**The city can help keep residents in their homes through guaranteed counsel and funding for those who cannot pay rent and are unable to get help from CERA or other programs.**

Many tenants who have a legal basis to remain in their homes are being evicted anyway, because they struggle to present their arguments in court. "[Less than five percent of tenants facing eviction in Detroit have legal representation. The estimated cost \[to fund guaranteed counsel for Detroiters facing eviction\] is between \\$3.5 and \\$4 million.](#)" You may be able to improve the efficiency of this funding by granting this funding to legal aid on the condition that they only accept cases where it is likely that representation will make a difference in the individual's case. **It is imperative that you fund counsel for all such Detroiters facing eviction.**

I know other Detroiters struggle to keep up with their property taxes. I know that many will be stuck with a huge water bill when the city's moratorium is lifted. **The city should expand the existing poverty tax assistance program by raising the income eligibility limits by at least \$5,000 and more effectively advertising its availability. The city should also offer relief for residents' water bill arrearages.**

### **Access to Information & Technology**

True access to the Internet is necessary for Detroiters for education, access to justice (sending court filings, accessing Zoom court hearings, applying to unemployment & protesting denials), access to housing, jobs, and more. Detroit has made laudable strides to assist Detroiters in this regard through the Mobile Print Station and free laptops for Detroit students. **One way the city could go farther is by offering technology assistance to those who are unable to effectively use technology because of a lack of experience or disabilities.**

Thank you very much for your consideration and work to improve the material conditions of Detroiters,

Jacob

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**From:** Jamy Schoby <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 1:19 AM

**To:** councilmemberscheffield@detroitmi.gov <councilmemberscheffield@detroitmi.gov>; Gabriela Santiago-Romero <Gabriela.SantiagoRomero@detroitmi.gov>; Mary Waters <Mary.Waters@detroitmi.gov>; Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Community Budget Input

Good evening,

I was recently on my D6 neighborhood meeting and heard the city was looking for input on the new proposed budget.

My partner Johnny Stecki & I were recently a part of the cannabis program put on in the fall and after making an ethics call we were shunned out and turned away and our complaints fell upon deaf ears with no resolution etc etc etc....we finally received our business plan last week, but now that that's over with....we still want change and we know cannabis can do it.

Perhaps the city could do a scholarship type program each year? Ten \$25/50k scholarship to help 10/20 each year is only half a mil! An endowment of a school for a place based investment surrounding cannabis education and employment for other social equity/legacy Detroiters? Another cannabis program without anyones hands in the cookie jar?


Johnny and I want to make this happen for Detroit, if you know of any other like minded people let's set something up!  
JnJ

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 10:10 PM  
**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Re: [EXTERNAL]Re: [EXTERNAL]Corrigan Park speeding

Tu very much. I see many parks around us being renovated exercise equipment bathroom. Playground equipment for varies age groups and basketball etc.. While our park is empty.

We also have tons of accidents on our block do to speeding and people doing spinning around n middle or street hitting parked cars.

Or people doing wheelies on motor cycles etc. Sometimes it's not safe to stop or slow down to get into my own driveway. Please help this is a home owners block. Most of which have been here 15 years or more tu.

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On Wed, Jan 26, 2022 at 4:33 PM, Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov> wrote:

thank you for your comments, they will be integrated into the community outreach findings and will be part of the official Community Outreach Report presented this March 7.

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**From:** ishmyel1@att.net <[REDACTED]>  
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**To:** Dennis Perkins <DPerkins@detroitmi.gov>; Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Re: [EXTERNAL]Corrigan Park speeding

Sure thing

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On Wed, Jan 26, 2022 at 3:42 PM, Dennis Perkins <DPerkins@detroitmi.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mrs. Hines,

Thank you for your inquiry. I am copying the budget department in this reply so it can be logged. If you have any other budget related requests, please forward to yourbudget@detroitmi.gov. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Dennis E. Perkins  
Deputy Manager | District 4  
Mayor's Office  
Department of Neighborhoods  
313.236.3520

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**From:** ishmyel1@att.net <ishmyel1@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 6:02:38 PM  
**To:** Dennis Perkins <DPerkins@detroitmi.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Corrigan Park speeding

Hello Mr. Perkins,

This is Mrs. Hines on Alter Rd. Please Please find funding on investor to renovate Corrigan Park. Make more family friendly.

Please please put a center isle on Alter Rd like on outer drive to force speeders to slow down making alter 4kane on each side. Slow children play here signs people crossing. Tu

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**From:** Brenda Sands <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 6:06 PM

**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Question after District 7 meeting yesterday 1/26/2022

Thank you for allowing us to pose questions and concerns regarding the impending budget. This is my question/concern:

As a Wayne County (Detroit) homeowner ,landlord, and Vice President of my neighborhood's Block Club , I (we) are wondering if the City of Detroit's water infrastructure will be considered in the upcoming budget for update restoration?

My neighbors and I try to mitigate basement and streets in our neighborhood having excessive flooding (like we did in 2018 & 2021) by having annual water drain inspections for many years now of our homes for obstructions of any kind (roots, debris, etc.), removal of any original construction barriers (such as the unusual practice of concrete in the drainage system 30+ years ago) , and any other necessary plumber drainage system recommendations by plumber experts, in many cases, through our homeowner insurance.

I would appreciate a response as to whether the Detroit water system infrastructure will be updated in any way as well as a possible timeline, because the 2022 rainy season will be here soon and we can not predict how much rainfall nor whether the City's water system will mitigate water damages to our Detroit neighborhoods.

Best regards,

Brenda Sands, Vice President

Family Over Everything (FOE) Block Club

9100 & 9102 Ward Street Detroit 48228

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**From:** Michael Johnson <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:25 PM

**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Trash Clean-up middle class housing

Trash begets more trash: clean-ups, citations and big dumpsters positioned at strategic locations.

More middle class housing: strong families want strong neighborhoods and good schools but it starts with good housing.

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**From:** S. Stellar <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:31 PM  
**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Equity

1. Housing support, including: repair funds, honest and competent contractors, environmental code enforcement, especially landlord obligations, educate owners and renters on residents' responsibilities, access to mortgages and home improvement capital, support for families that are single-parents with young children.
2. Education for all ages; this includes the digital divide for young people and seniors.  
Thank you.

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**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Customer E-Mail Inquiry

Lisa White-Berry

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The priorities of our neighborhood block club and us as homeowners include investments in Fenced in -Safe Bike Tracks & Safe Water Parks for Detroit Families which would hold high safety standards so families can enjoy a better quality of life without having to rent hotel spaces for pools or chase away stray dogs. Stray dogs (pit bulls) are TOO OFTEN everywhere preventing safety, freedoms and limiting summer outdoor neighborhood fun. Because we also need more mobiles "dog catchers" and need to expand Humane Society, a new job as "Recreation Inspectors" would hold irresponsible pet owners accountable for keeping their pets secure and away from these areas of summer bike and water fun. These areas could be simple and with secure fence enforcing -no dogs, alcohol or pets allowed -at Recreation Center or Public Park Bike/Water Park hub. Membership could be the same as already required for admission into Detroit Rec Center. The number one question, "What child or family wouldn't want a fenced in secured bike/water park around every recreation center with cleaning protocols, safety and membership enforcement? Families, Parents, and Educators want their children/students to have equal opportunity to fully enjoy their lives where they live. Equity for Detroit Families mean opportunities to fully enjoy Detroit equally as residents in other metro areas enjoy their cities...families not having to leave Detroit for summer play activities. I want families safely to ride bikes without fear of stray pit bulls. I want families to sit outdoors at neighborhood hubs under water sprinklers without paying hotel fees, without distance travel and without appointments. I'm advocating Social and Recreational Equity. Detroit must become more desirable for all Families to maintain or increase population; keep Detroiters in Detroit.

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Diane Patterson  
[REDACTED]

D1 resident. I believe people want & deserve a clean city and request more money be budgeted toward inspectors, as well as better enforcement for violations relating to disregard of quality of life issues- containers out too early/back too late; bulk out whenever, cars parked on lawns, littered roadways, etc. Regarding equity we need help for many seniors with quality home repairs, private property tree removal, better sidewalk repairs. Personal responsibility needs to be addressed along with human right issues regarding tenant/rentals. - many tenants simply don't care about ordinance compliance since they aren't the property owner. Property Managers/ owners need to be held accountable for needed repairs - but irresponsible tenants (and homeowners) aren't helping the image of a clean, safe, Detroit that we all deserve. I support the need for more NPO's. They are tasked with nuisance complaints, but often have too much to do and their areas are too large to be as effective as they could be.

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**From:** Jacqueline Grimes <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Saturday, January 29, 2022 5:45 PM

**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]The EQUITY Question

Greetings. This is Detroit 48219/District 1 resident Jacqueline Grimes. I'm responding to the recent survey conducted during the City Budget Zoom meeting, Thursday, Jan. 27th.

While I didn't get to pose my question live, I'll say this about **Equity**: It has much to do with the quality of fairness, a balance in situations. People really want an opportunity to shine in whatever they pursue for a good life. Hard work is often taught and expressed, but I believe in smart/wise work accompanied by reasonable support where and when needed. Plenty of us engage in "hard work" and see less or positive change, then start thinking life is futile --not me, I have Faith-- but pursuing equity will remind us that like minds can rightly reach many goals, together.

[My question, I think was printed out in the Message section of Zoom, for Ms. Williamson and/or Ms. Yates was: Can working and retired seniors get "Pro Bono" assistance for roof replacements? It's a larger expense for those of us in a hardship right now. I am trying to change jobs, so I can help myself--in Oct. 2021 created a GoFundMe account--but facing ageism makes it intimidating.]

Thank you,

Jackie

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More law enforcement; police, city inspectors.

Eliminate blight. Make public safety number one

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**From:** Sotero Lopez <[REDACTED]>

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**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]District 7 Budget Proposal

I propose a policy development on a 12-month emergency infrastructure plan with a budget of \$100 billion funded by a number of organizations. Our team will schedule a meeting with every address that resides in Detroit's west side location of District 7, my childhood city. Residents who reside in District 7 which calculates a population of less than 100,000 will be transported to whichever location the citizen chooses provided with more than enough funds to cover living expenses to stay permanent or until the infrastructure project is completed. This infrastructure includes refurbishing school buildings, small businesses, roads, and public parks. Each house address will be granted with a budget of no more than \$200,000 for refurbishing use only. Traffic, neighbourhood, and red-light cameras must be installed before project begins. More than 10 different anti-smog tree species will be planted, filling the field areas of trees that have either died or have been cut down in District 7's largest forest Rouge Park. City air filters will be installed to sustain air quality during the construction process with above average construction employees to balance the percentage of covering shifts to those who could not make it, allowing performance to meet the timeframe's completion date. This plan will not only attract the public eye including tourist travelers but invigorate the district 7 city neighbours Dearborn Heights, Redford Charter Township, and Southfield to investigate its town putting in the work to fill in the holes for their missing blueprint reminding America that Detroit means business and has come a long way to its environment & economy progress.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Customer E-Mail Inquiry

William Monty Davis

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The City of Detroit need to help the Detroit Retirees it is not fair that the Mayor is payed 8 times what pensioners receive and the Mayor has a City Phone, City Car and Mansion living like the king of Detroit.

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**From:** Lisa Bednarz <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022 12:22 AM

**To:** Your Budget <[yourbudget@detroitmi.gov](mailto:yourbudget@detroitmi.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Re: Automatic reply: [EXTERNAL]Edward G Heckel Park/John C Lodge Elementary

CDBG Funding for Heckel Park

Mortenson Grand River Association

Lisa Bednarz

President

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313-704-1343

On Tue, Feb 1, 2022, 7:17 PM Your Budget <[yourbudget@detroitmi.gov](mailto:yourbudget@detroitmi.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for contacting the City of Detroit Budget Office, we appreciate your interest in City government and the budget. This inbox receives public comment and is monitoring weekly, and more during busy periods. Please identify the proposal or issue you are addressing, and your name, contact information and organizational affiliation if you need to receive a reply.

Should you have city services concerns, reference the city of Detroit website, [www.detroitmi.gov](http://www.detroitmi.gov), for relevant contact information, or the Improve Detroit app to make specific service requests (<https://detroitmi.gov/ImproveDetroit>).

Thanks!

City of Detroit Budget Office

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**From:** Bonsitu Kitaba <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:40 AM  
**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Public Comment from DRTCC on the Mayor's Recommended Budget for FY 2022-2023

To Whom It May Concern,

Please find attached the Detroit Right to Counsel Coalition's public comment on the Mayor's recommended budget for FY 2022-2023. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of the coalition members.

Sincerely,

**Bonsitu Kitaba-Gaviglio**

*(Pronouns: she, hers)*

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February 8, 2022

John Naglick, Jr., Chief Financial Officer  
City of Detroit, Office of Budget  
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Detroit, MI  
yourbudget@detroitmi.gov

*VIA EMAIL*

**RE: Public Comment from Detroit Right to Counsel Coalition on the Mayor's  
Recommended Budget for FY 2022-2023**

Mr. Naglick and Office of Budget,

The Detroit Right to Counsel Coalition calls for a Right to Counsel (RTC) to be fully funded in the City of Detroit's FY 2022-2023 budget. RTC is a national movement to provide legal representation to tenants in eviction cases. Eviction causes disastrous effects to a city's residents. Once lauded as a city of prosperous Black homeowners, Detroit has become a city of renters. Those renters, many of whom were previous homeowners, have been and are currently facing an eviction crisis, a crisis that has been sharpened by the Covid-19 pandemic. An RTC program will even the playing field, mitigate the effects of evictions upon Detroiters, and allow the city to realize millions in cost-savings.

**Only 4% of Detroiters Facing Eviction in 2017 Had Access to Legal Representation,  
and That Problem Ensues**

Through the RTC program that DRTCC proposes, people facing eviction would have the resources they need to fight eviction proceedings and help them stay in their homes safely, obtaining repairs or sufficient time to obtain alternative safe and affordable housing. Detroit has been living through an eviction crisis long before the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2017, 30,000 eviction cases were filed in the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court (Detroit's eviction court). That breaks down to approximately 22 evictions per 100 households in the city. This is 11 more evictions per household than in the City of New York, and 18 more evictions than in the entire State of New Jersey. With households averaging 2.6 people, about 78,000 Detroiters faced housing insecurity as a result of an eviction proceeding in 2017 alone, not to mention the tens of thousands of Detroiters who were displaced at the pre-court notice stage, even before an eviction case was filed.

Then came the Covid-19 pandemic in March of 2020. Every single Detroiters was affected in some way, and thousands lost their jobs and ability to pay for their basic needs. As many fell behind on their rent, the only thing keeping people in their homes was the state and federal eviction

moratoriums. From April to December of 2020, there was a 65% decrease in the number of eviction cases filed compared to the same time the year prior.<sup>1</sup>

Very few people facing eviction have access to legal counsel to represent their interests in court. In 2017, of the 78,000 people who were being evicted, only 4% had legal representation, while 83% of landlords were represented. **Statistics show that 75% of renters are at a higher risk of eviction without a lawyer.** With the federal eviction moratorium ending, there was an increase of 257% signed writs of eviction compared to any other month in 2021.<sup>2</sup> Landlords were still 5 times more likely to have legal representation than their tenants. Detroiters need a chance to fight back with legal counsel, and an RTC program is the right solution to this problem.

### **A Legal Right to Counsel Funded by the City is the Most Effective Way to Balance the Scales and Defray Costs Associated with Homelessness and Housing Instability**

A Right to Counsel would give low-income Detroiters' legal representation at no cost when they are facing eviction proceedings, much like a public defender is appointed to someone facing criminal charges. This is a program that would greatly benefit low-income people of Detroit.

In 2019, Detroit had a poverty rate of 35%, meaning there are approximately 234,518 Detroiters who live under the poverty line.<sup>3</sup> This disproportionality includes people of color, single mothers, and children. It is estimated that there are about 7,000 to 14,000 school age children in Detroit who are homeless, with black students accounting for 86% of them.<sup>4</sup> Finding the resources to pay for an attorney and fight a possible eviction are simply out of reach for many families in Detroit. When Detroiters are evicted, they have very few options. The loss of housing can be life-threatening, as was made clear during the pandemic.

The Metro Detroit area currently needs about 100,000 units of affordable housing for its residents, as currently, there are only “35 affordable housing units per 100 extremely low-income households.”<sup>5</sup> With rising rents – as much as a 7% increase from the year prior – and with 24,000 fewer units of housing available compared to the number of households, Detroiters facing evictions simply cannot find alternative affordable housing.<sup>6</sup> This means that options for these evicted tenants include too few beds in homeless shelters, the streets, or even leaving the city entirely. With court representation available for eviction hearings, Detroiters have a fighting chance to

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<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth Benton, Et Al, *Reducing Michigan Evictions: The Pandemic and Beyond*, UNIV. OF MICH. (Jan 28, 2022), [http://sites.fordschool.umich.edu/poverty2021/files/2021/05/Poverty-Solutions\\_Reducing-Michigan-Evictions\\_June2021.pdf](http://sites.fordschool.umich.edu/poverty2021/files/2021/05/Poverty-Solutions_Reducing-Michigan-Evictions_June2021.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> *Supra*, note 1

<sup>3</sup> *Detroit, MI census place*, <https://datausa.io/profile/geo/detroit-mi/>

<sup>4</sup> Lauren Slagter & Jared Wadley, *Nearly 9 out of 10 unhoused Detroit Students not identified by schools, U-M analysis finds*, POVERTY SOLUTIONS (Jan. 31, 2022), <https://poverty.umich.edu/2021/08/23/nearly-9-out-of-10-unhoused-detroit-students-not-identified-by-schools-u-m-analysis-finds/>

<sup>5</sup> Nushrat Rahman, *Michigan has serious lack of affordable housing-and crisis could get worse soon*, DETROIT FREE PRESS (Jan. 31, 2022), <https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2021/07/29/michigan-eviction-moratorium-ends/8012908002/>.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*; *supra*, note 5.

retain their homes or at least the time to obtain a soft landing elsewhere in affordable and safe alternative housing.

### **Right to Counsel Means Less Evictions and More Stability and Safety for Detroiters**

Although only 4% of Detroiters were represented by counsel in 2017, of those 4%, 92% were able to stay in their homes. Representation matters. Many times, tenants face an uphill battle in eviction proceedings, unaware of how to navigate the court filing process, presentation of evidence and legal arguments, and expertise to negotiate resolutions with sophisticated opposing counsel and judges. Housing is a human right and provides stability and safety for families. Occupied housing reduces blight across the city, and prevents the loss of population in Detroit, promoting a stable tax base. With an RTC program, more families can be represented by counsel for their eviction proceedings, decreasing evictions, and decreasing costs associated with homelessness and instability.

RTC is a program that works not only to benefit tenants but has resulted in fiscal savings to cities and states across the country. By the close of 2021, there were 13 cities and three states that had adopted a RTC measure, including New York, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Toledo, Minneapolis, Washington, Connecticut, and Maryland. These cities have seen results. Eviction rates are decreasing, represented tenants are more likely to remain housed, pay less in costs, and even if they must vacate, get more time to move.<sup>7</sup>

### **A Right to Counsel Will Provide Tremendous Fiscal Benefits for the City of Detroit**

In a report published by Stout Risius Ross, it was determined that implementing RTC would give New York City a fiscal benefit of \$320 million, compared to actual costs of \$199 million to run the program.<sup>8</sup> RTC has been so successful in New York City that a bill was introduced in May of 2021 to expand RTC across the state.<sup>9</sup> In Los Angeles, it is estimated that the city and county will see a benefit of approximately \$370.9 million in revenue and savings annually.<sup>10</sup> By contrast, the cost to the city and county would be \$34.6 million and \$47.3 million respectively.<sup>11</sup> In Philadelphia, it is estimated that for a cost of \$3.5 million, the city would see a return of \$45.2 million. The data is clear, the return for investment in RTC is anywhere from 3:1, all the way up to 12:1.

These benefits are realized when the cost savings achieved through preventing evictions is calculated. For example, in Los Angeles, it can cost anywhere from \$60 to \$150 a night to provide

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<sup>7</sup> *The Right to Counsel for Tenants – A Growing Movement*, NATIONAL COALITION FOR A CIVIL RIGHT TO COUNSEL (Jan. 20, 2022), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oq-eJdJen64>.

<sup>8</sup> *The Financial Cost and Benefits of Establishing a Right to Counsel in Eviction Proceedings Under Intro 214-A*, STOUT RISIUS ROSS (Jan. 31, 2022), <https://cdn2.hubspot.net/hubfs/4408380/PDF/Cost-Benefit-Impact-Studies/SRR%20Report%20-%20Eviction%20Right%20to%20Counsel%20%203%2016%2016.pdf>.

<sup>9</sup> *New York Senate Bill 6678*, LEGISCAN (Jan 31, 2022), <https://legiscan.com/NY/bill/S06678/2021>.

<sup>10</sup> *Cost-Benefit Analysis of Providing a Right to Counsel to Tenants in Eviction Proceedings*, STOUT RISIUS ROSS (Jan. 31, 2022), [https://info.stout.com/hubfs/PDF/Eviction-Reports-Articles-Cities-States/Los%20Angeles%20Eviction%20RTC%20Report\\_12-10-19.pdf/](https://info.stout.com/hubfs/PDF/Eviction-Reports-Articles-Cities-States/Los%20Angeles%20Eviction%20RTC%20Report_12-10-19.pdf/)

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

emergency housing for someone who is experiencing homelessness.<sup>12</sup> For families, the same daily cost ranges between \$80-\$151 per household.<sup>13</sup> In Massachusetts, it is estimated that the cost of housing a single homeless family temporarily in a state-run shelter is \$26,620.<sup>14</sup>

With RTC, cities save millions of dollars in potential costs to deploy services for the inevitable collateral consequences following an eviction. With fewer people evicted, the less the city must spend on shelters and other associated costs. More homes remain legally occupied, which increases stability in education and employment, further increasing the likelihood of retaining a stable and growing tax base.

### **Detroit Must Account for the RTC Program in the FY 2022-2023 Budget**

Detroit must fully fund a RTC in its budget now. This would allow Detroit to be proactive instead of reactive to the eviction crisis. With the federal eviction moratorium ending, the Detroit mayor announced a 3-point eviction prevention program in anticipation of the mass evictions that would be filed.<sup>15</sup> To date, this program has provided some support for legal representation for tenants facing eviction in court as well as emergency funding to settle nonpayment of rent cases. However, substantial additional resources are needed to fully fund a RTC for low-income residents facing eviction, including support for outreach activities to connect those at immediate risk of eviction to these resources.

With adequate funding to provide legal representation in eviction proceedings, more people have a fighting chance to stay in their homes or obtain the time to avoid unnecessary expensive and destructive emergency shelter stays. The city has a financial incentive to retain its residents in the city. For this investment, Detroit can expect to achieve a return of at least 3 times the amounts invested in savings. This enables local legal service providers to recruit, hire, and train additional attorneys, legal support staff, social service support staff, and conduct robust community outreach to inform Detroit residents of their rights and of resources available to assist them. This money is an investment into Detroit's future. The number of eviction *filings* has reduced in cities that have passed and funded a right to counsel. If the experience in other cities is any indication, the financial investment is likely to decrease in future years. RTC is clearly what we need now to provide stability for our city and our valued residents.

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<sup>12</sup> *Id.* at 33.

<sup>13</sup> *Id.*

<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

<sup>15</sup> *Mayor Announces 3-point Eviction Prevention Program as eviction process begins to resume*, CITY OF DETROIT (Jan 31, 2022), <https://detroitmi.gov/news/mayor-announces-3-point-eviction-prevention-program-eviction-process-begins-resume>.

The city has an opportunity to give its poorest residents a fighting chance, and with RTC, the city would demonstrate the will to give thousands of Detroiters the ability to avoid homelessness, building stability essential for families and neighborhoods. We ask that you allocate sustainable funding for the RTC program in this year's budget.

Sincerely,

**The Detroit Right to Counsel Coalition**

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**From:** Megan Owens <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 12:05 AM  
**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]transportation

Greetings. A concern, a question, and a suggestion for you:

often transportation is set aside as separate. Yet the City has a lot of choices for allocating both federal and city funds. Some must be spent on transit, but more may be spent on transit. I urge you to communicate that more clearly.

Mr. Watson talked at the District 2 meetings about what happened to the CRA funds. But can you clarify how the federal transit funds from CRSSA were spent? The very vague four categories the DDOT Director has presented in past meetings don't really say anything.

Lastly, and related, I strongly urge you to dramatically increase the amount of funding for public transit. Increasing costs and labor competition means that DDOT needs a budget increase of 30-50% over past years just to get back to the minimally acceptable service of 2019.

Thank you for your consideration of this input!



Megan Owens, Executive Director  
[Transportation Riders United \(TRU\)](#)



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**From:** kFrankie <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 7:30 PM

**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Senior Repair & Affordable Housing & Preservation Fund

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Thank you,  
Kea Mathis

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**From:** lindagordon3@netzero.net <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 8:45 PM

**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Neighborhoods

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Thank You,

Linda Bowie

180 Piper Blvd

Detroit, MI 48215

(313) 824-9126 land line

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**From:** Loretta Yancey <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:11 PM

**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Support Neighborhoods

Yes we need our neighborhoods back, schools, libraries, housing and employment.

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**From:** Kea Mathis <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 10:13 PM

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**From:** Monika Uriel <[REDACTED]>

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 1:24 AM  
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**From:** Aaron Dome <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 11:54 PM  
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Please re-open and provide the funding to adequately staff the Montieth Branch of the Detroit Public Library near my home

Thank you,

Aaron Dome  
1301 Lakewood Street  
Detroit

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**From:** flossie davis <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 2:21 AM

**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Senior Repair & Affordable Housing & Preservation Fund

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Neighborhoods

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Rakisha Odom  
Community Outreach Manager  
Brilliant Detroit  
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Thank you,

Theresa Mitchell

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Thank you, Pamela Travis

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Thank you,  
LaKila Salter

LaKila Shea Salter

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PEACE!

Rhonda Askew

313-826-8272

[msrhondaaskew@gmail.com](mailto:msrhondaaskew@gmail.com)

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[msrhondaaskew@gmail.com](mailto:msrhondaaskew@gmail.com)

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**From:** Samara Hill <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 21, 2022 10:52 PM  
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Thank you,

Samara Hill  
Community Organizer  
[samara@detroitpeoplesplatform.org](mailto:samara@detroitpeoplesplatform.org)  
(313) 407-8601



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**From:** pamela walker-dawson <[REDACTED]>

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Pamela Dawson

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**Sent:** Monday, February 21, 2022 11:05 PM

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Senior Repair & Affordable Housing & Preservation Fund

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Olivia Franklin

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Olivia

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Patricia Clark

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Erica Darthard

[Ediva627@gmail.com](mailto:Ediva627@gmail.com)

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**From:** Rachel Darthard <[REDACTED]>

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 12:23 AM

**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>

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Thank you,

Deborah Edison

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**From:** Pamela L. Johnson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 3:25 AM  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Neighborhoods

To Whom It May Concern, The city will have about \$12 million more in general fund dollars than they had with last year's budget. I support the recommendations to allocate \$3million to Sewerage Dept for Storm Drainage. I support the recommendations of \$1million for parks & public spaces management and \$1million to recreation. I also support recommendations for \$3million public library. Thank you,

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**From:** Glenda Mcgadney <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, February 21, 2022 10:52 PM

**To:** Your Budget <yourbudget@detroitmi.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Senior Repair & Affordable Housing & Preservation Fund

To Whom It May Concern,

The city will have about \$12 million more in general fund dollars than they had with last year's budget. I support the recommendations to increase the Affordable Housing and Preservation Fund. I also support \$1 million of the general fund increase for Senior Home Repair

Also, take funding from downtown's Economic Development Corporation and give it to Affordable Housing Preservation Fund.

Thank you,

Glenda McGadney

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