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MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director, Legislative Policy Division

THROUGH: Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero, Chair, Public Health & Safety Standing Committee

FROM: Council President Mary Sheffield

DATE: May 9, 2023

RE: Request for LPD to Draft a Report Related to Cellular Towers on DPSCD Property

There have been recent concerns expressed by Detroit residents during Council's formal session regarding the placement of cellular towers at Detroit Public School Community District locations. The specific concerns are the potential health risk students face by being in close proximity to these towers related to the electromagnetic RF radiation. As such, I am requesting the Legislative Policy Division draft a report, through the gathering of information from DPSCD, which answers the following questions:

How many schools are outfitted with cellular towers?

How was the decision made to allow placement of these towers?

Did DPSCD conduct any community and/or parent outreach regarding placing the towers on school property?

Do the cellular towers serve any educational purpose related to instruction or access to information for students?

Was there risk assessment performed or an opinion sought on the potential health risks to students?

Thank you.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
Honorable City Clerk