

CITY OF DETROIT

MARY SHEFFIELD

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Detroit Homeland Security

Through: Councilmember Gabriela Santiago-Romero, Chair, Public Health & Safety

Standing Committee

From: Council President Mary Sheffield submitting memorandum relative

to

Date: 7/3/2023

RE: Requesting Update to Detroit365 Alerts

SUMMARY:

Recently, Detroit was identified as having one on the worst air qualities in the world because of the ongoing Canadian wildfires. This news was alarming to our residents and without an alert from city officials, they were left to rely on news sources and social media for updates.

The Detroit365 alert system currently notifies for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, flash floods, and winter storms. I would like to expand the current system to include air quality alerts. This change would offer comfort and guidance to our residents while local air quality concerns continue.

If there is anything my office can do to support this change, please let me know. You may contact Yvonne Ragland from my office at yvonne.ragland@detroitmi.gov if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues

City Clerk

DEPARTMENTAL CONTACT:

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